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WITH

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Gather up the Fragments that remain, that nothing be Lost, John 6. 12.

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A PREFACE.

By Another Hand.

WOnderful hath been the Love of God unto the Children of Men, and Various have been the Methods, whereby he hath given Demonstrations of it: All Ages and Generations abounds with the Testimonies of his Bounty to 'em:

For his Goodneſs hath been always ſo Plentifully extended, and alſo in ſuch an Indulgent manner, as if his Happineſs was not Compleat, unleſs Mankind did pertake of it. So that he had great Reaſon indeed to ask, *What could have been done more to his Vineyard*, (the Houſe of Iſrael) *that he had not done in it?* For he gave them his Good Spirit to Inſtruct them, ſent his Servants the Prophets to Reprove them; and which was the moſt Stupendious Kindneſs of all,

all, did also send his Only Begotten Son, to Reclaim them, and to be a Propitiation for them: Yet such was the Obstinacy of that Impenitent Generation, that few would thereby see (however do) the things that belonged to their Peace, so that at last they were hid from their Eyes; *A Doom Dismal and Just!* May their Calamities be our Caution, that by their Harms we may learn to Beware.

For we have also, in this our Day, been Ho-

noured with a Visitation from Heaven; a High and Holy Calling indeed; a Call to be *Holy*, in order to be *Happy*: But few have Obeyed, tho' Christ himself hath Called by his Spirit, and by his Servants, by his Judgments, and by his Mercies, that Men might be Reduced to the Paths of the Righteous, which are Paths of Pleasantness, and Ways of Peace. But, alas! instead of being melted to *Contrition*, by these Endearing Testimonies of his Goodness, such

ſuch hath been the Ingratitude of many, they have done deſpight to the Holy Spirit of Grace, that was given for their Eternal Profit; and have alſo very Evilly entreated his Servants and Meſſengers, whom he ſent to Proclaim that Accepted Time, the Day of Salvation: Yet theſe Good Men were not, by their Hardſhips, weary of their Well-doing, but perſevered to the End, in doing good to them; tho they returned Hatred for Love, Perſecution for

Kindneſs; as thou'lt find by ſome Inſtances in theſe Collections, which the Induſtrious Author preſents thee with; that the Drowſie World might be awakened to Holineſs, by the Voice of the Dead; ſince that of the Living is ſo little regarded.

The Matter, thou'lt ſoon ſee, is very Excellent; ſince it ſhews thee, that to *Live Holily*, is the way to *Die Happily*: In ſhort, it is a Continued Perſwaſion to Vertue, and a Compendious Directory in the way

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to it, by the great Means of Examples; which at once gives both Light and Strength in that Indiſpenſible Duty of *Living Well:* And 'tis free of what might excite thy Diſpleaſure, not intermedling with the Controverſies of the Times; ſo that Charity perſwades me, that ſcarce any can Read it, and not be Bettered by it: Which gives me the Boldneſs to Recommend theſe following Sheets to the ſerious Peruſual of all, High and Low, Rich and Poor, Friends and Enemies;

Enemies; that all may be Humbled to the Improvement of their Time (that Treasure of Eternal Consequence) and be Wise, and consider their Latter End; lest, when it is too late, they may desire to Die the Death of these Righteous Persons, and that their Latter End may be like theirs, who Breathed out their Pious Souls in Faith, and full Assurance of an Immortal Crown of Glory. For the Voice was true, the Holy Man declared he heard, and that bid him write,

write, *Bleſſed are the Dead which Die in the Lord, that they may Reſt from their Labours, and their Works do follow them*, to their Comfort and Everlaſting Conſolation; and ſtay behind 'em too, to the *Example of the Living*, who deſire to Live to God, and follow them, as they *followed Chriſt*, in Humility, Self-denial, Brotherly-kindneſs, *&c.* Tho' thereby they are a Proverb of Reproach, and their Life accounted *Madneſs*, and their Latter End *without Honour*; yet they will be

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Numbred among the Children of God, and their Lot will be among the Saints.

I will detain thee no longer from what is better, only Recommend thee to the holy Spirit of Truth, that is able and willing to guide thee into the same Blessed Truth it led these happy Souls into, and then thy Latter End will be like to theirs, *Comfortable, and Glorious*: Which is earnestly desired for thee, by the Author of these Treatises; for I know, his sole design is

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thy Profit and Advantage; he desires none for himself, but the Comfort of Well-doing: Being acted by a better Principle, than to make Gain of Godliness, too much the Practise of Men of great Pretences.

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Yorkshire, where he was Instrumental to Convince several Friends of Note; and who were afterwards serviceable in their Days. As *Richard Farnsworth*, *Thomas Aldam*, *Thomas Goodyear*, *Thomas* and *John Killam*, *James Naylor*, &c. And *George Fox* had a Meeting at Lieutenant *Roper*'s House, and *William Dewsbury* and his Wife came to that Meeting, and heard Truth declared; and the same Evening, they having some Conference with *George Fox*, confessed to Truth, and received it; and after some time, he did publickly Preach the same Truth.

And in the Year 1654. *W. D.* went into *Westmoreland*, *Cumberland*, and *Lancashire*, and declared Truth both in Steeple-Houses, and in Meetings; and underwent great Sufferings, Beatings, &c. and was Imprisoned at *York*, and also at *Northampton*, in the Year 1654. Indeed God made him an Eminent Instrument in his Hand, for the Publishing of his Mighty Day of Power, preaching Repent-

Repentance in order to the Remission of Sins; and he did bear a Faithful and Universal Testimony *of the free Grace of God to Mankind*: And the Lord was with him, and prospered him in his manifold Sufferings, Travels and Labours, and Exercises in the Gospel of Christ, and Word of the Ministry: As may be seen in his several Books, Testimonies and Epistles, Collected together in Print. And many were made sensible of the Benefit of his Labours, Counsel, Admonition and Incouragement, to the Good and Welfare of their Immortal Souls. For the Lord, in whose Dread and Zeal he Laboured, did Endow him with *Faith and Courage, and great Boldness for his Name and Truth*; and he Published the same in great *Plainness, and in the Simplicity thereof*. To the tender Hearted he was exceeding Tender, but to the Stubborn and Lofty, he was sharp and Plain; admonishing them, and Declaring *the Righteous Judgments of God against*

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that State; watching with much Patience and Long-Suffering, the Recovery of such, who through the Subtilty of the Enemy, have fallen from the Truth, and from the *Unity with the People of God*: But when any made it their Work, to cause Division and Discord, and to sow Dissention among Brethren, he would plainly Testifie against them, and Reject them, as he did in his last Visit to *London*. A short time before his Departure, he had a Concern upon him for the Honour of God; and that those that had Believed, and made Profession of the Truth, might answer it in a Holy and Blameless Conversation, which he would often say, *could not be done by Largeness of Knowledge, and Strength of Comprehension, but by a real Dying to their Wills and Affections, by Vertue of the Dayly Cross.*

The Envy of Wicked and Unreasonable Men, was very great nd fierce against him, especially in those Early Days of his Travels and Labours;

hours; and for the sake of his Testimony, he was often *Beaten, Stoned, and Imprisoned*. He neither feared their *Malicious Threats nor Blows*, but boldly went forth, Publishing the Truth, Testifying *to that of God, in all Consciences*; and the Hand of Divine Providence did often deliver him out of the Hands of his Enemies, *for his Names Sake*.

A few Weeks before his Decease, he came up to the City of *London*, and did visit most of the Publick Meetings there, and did bear a Faithful Testimony to Truth, and for Love and Unity; Preaching up the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the World *is Crucified unto us, and we unto the World*. *Gal.* 6. 14.

It being the Third Month, 1688. when he was in *London*, he did intend to have tarried there with Friends, till the Yearly Meeting, which was approaching. But was taken Ill about the 29th of the same Month, so that he could no longer

be in the City: He determined to return home; and before he went, left a Letter to the Yearly Meeting, which is as followeth.

Dear Friends and Brethren,

'I did not know till this last Night, 'but that I should have been with 'you at the Yearly Meeting, but it 'pleased the Lord to visit me with 'my ancient Distemper, which hath 'accompanyed me in Prison; and 'since I was released, the Distem-'per was so sharp upon me, as to 'my Sense, this last Night, that I did 'not know whether I should have 'lived to have seen another Day: 'But crying to the Lord, he order-'ed and cleared my Way to go into 'the Country, so that I cannot be 'with you at this Yearly Meeting; 'but desire the Lord to assist you 'with his Blessed Power, and Hea-'venly Life, to bring in the Scat-'tered ones to their Everlasting 'Comfort, and his Glory for Ever. *Amen.*

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And that it may be [illegible] to signify, is the Prayer of your [illegible] Brother,

William Dewsbury.

London, *the* 30*th of the* 3*d Month*, 1688.

He Lived but Seventeen Days after he left *London*; and making short Journies, got home to *Warwick*, and continued weak in Body: And a few Days before his Departure, some Friends being together with him in his Chamber, *W. D.* rising up in his Bed, in great Weakness of Body, he said to them as followeth:

My God hath yet put in my Heart, to bear a Testimony to his Name and Blessed Truth, and I can never forget the Day of his great Power and blessed Appearance, when he first sent me to Preach his Everlasting Gospel, and Proclaim the Day of the Lord to all People. And also he confirmed the same by Signs and Wonders. ——*Therefore, Friends, be Faithful, and trust in the Lord your*

be in the City this I can say, I never since return'd homeward, but as **Joyfully** as to **Recreations as Palaces**; *bidding mine Enemies, to hold me there as long as they could; and in the Prison-House, I sung Praises to my God, and* **Esteemed the Bolts and Locks put upon me, as Jewels**; *and in the Name of the Eternal God, I always* **got the Victory**: *For they could not keep me any longer than the determined time of my God.*

And Friends, this I must once again testify to you in the Name of the Lord God, That what I saw above Thirty Years ago, still rests as a Testimony to leave behind me, **That a Dreadful Terrible Day is at hand, and will certainly come to pass**: *But the time when, I cannot say; but all put on Strength in the Name of the Lord, and wait to feel his Eternal Power, to preserve you through the Tribulations of these Days that approach very near. In the sense of which, I have often been Distressed and Bowed in my Spirit, with Cryes and Tears to my God for the Preservation of his Heritage.* And

And this I have further to signify, That my Departure draws nigh; Blessed be my God, I am prepared, I have nothing to do but Dye, and put off this Corruptible and Mortal Tabernacle. This Flesh that hath so many Infirmities; but the Life that dwells in it, ascends out of the Reach of Death, Hell, and the Grave; and Immortality, Eternal Life, is my Crown for ever and ever.

Therefore you that are left behind, fear not, nor be discouraged, but go on in the Name and Power of the Lord, and bear a Faithful and Living Testimony for him in your Day. And the Lord will prosper his Work in your Hand, and cause his Truth to flourish and spread abroad; for it shall have the Victory, and no Weapon formed against it shall prosper. *The Lord hath determined it shall possess the Gates of his Enemies, and the Glory and the Light thereof, shall shine more and more, unto the perfect Day.* ———

So he concluded in Prayers to the Lord, with fervent Breathings, and

Supplications for all his People every where, but more especially for [illegible] London: Where he had intended to have been, if the Lord had given him Health. His dear Love was to all Friends who enquired after him. He departed this Life at his House in Warwick, in a good Old Age, on the 17th of the 4th Month, 1688.

ROBERT Wardel, of Sunderland, in the County of Durham, received Truth about the Year 1661. and did bear publick Testimony to the same, not only in England, (his own Native Country) but also in Scotland, Ireland, Holland, and some parts of Germany; and in the latter part of his Days, viz. in the Year 1694. he went with our dear Friend Robert Barrow, to visit the Churches of Christ in America. And after they had Travelled through Nine Provinces, or distinct Governments in those Parts, among whom,

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they had had Three Hundred Twenty Eight Meetings with the People for the Worship of Almighty God, and their Comfort and mutual Refreshment in the Lord.

And God enabled them to perform their Service to the Desire of their Hearts, in their Day and Age; and by his Power, supported them under all Exercises which they met withal.

They left the Continent to visit the Islands, and after they had been at *Antegoa* and *Bermudas*, where they had had considerable Service among Friends and others, in those Islands, they arrived at *Jamaica*, on the 10th of the 2d Month, 1696. intending if the Lord did permit, to have gone to *Pensilvania*, &c. again. After their Arrival at *Jamaica*, they had several Meetings, but about the 18th of the said Month, *Robert Wardel* was taken Ill, for the Climate was exceeding hot, which made great Alteration upon them both, Especially *Robert Wardel*, who was very much indil-

indisposed. And a Friend asking him how he found himself, he answered, *I have been Sick many times, but I never felt my self as I am now; therefore I know not how it may be with me,* **the will of the Lord be done:** *I am* **willing up, and am content with God's will.** Another time he said to the Woman-Friend, at whose House he was, *The Lord Reward thee for thy tender Care, it makes me think of my dear Wife: I know not whether I may ever see her more, but however the Will of God be done. I am, and was willing to be contented with the Will of God, whether Life or Death, before I came hither; and I bless God,* **I am not afraid to Dye:** And so he continued to the end, in a *resigned Frame of Mind, submitting to the Will of God.* And upon his dying Bed, gave divers good Exhortations to Friends who came to visit him, *concerning the Education of their Children, their Care in Discipline in the Church, and that things might be kept in good order; and that Friends might answer God's Love*

Love to them. And after a few Days Sickneſs, peaceably finiſhed his Courſe, on the 22d of the 2d Month, 1696. at the Houſe of *John Dobbin*, in *Elizabeth Pariſh* in *Jamaica*.

Elizabeth Harman, late Wife of *John Harman*, Haberdaſher in *London*, and Daughter of *John Staploe*, Grocer of the ſame City; was viſited with a lingering Diſtemper, which continued upon her about Four Months, in which time, God was graciouſly pleaſed to give her many opportunities of great Comfort, inclining ſeveral Friends to viſit her, and pray to the Lord on her Behalf. She much *deſired Retirement*, to *feel her Mind ſtayed upon the Lord*, that ſhe might feel his Living Power, to Prepare her, that whether Life or Death, ſhe might be freely reſigned and given up to the Will of God.

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But she said, *Oh how hard it is to come there! it's hard Work to dye without having a full Assurance of the Love of God.* She had great Travail and Exercise of Spirit, with *strong Cries to the Lord*, and Wrestlings against the Enemy, who endeavoured to hurry her Mind, and bring her into Doubts and Fears, that she would often say:

How busie is the Enemy in a time of Weakness, and how hard it is to have a Mind stayed upon the Lord!

After some time, it was thought convenient, for the Benefit of the Air, to remove her into the Country to *Mill-Hill*, in the County of *Middlesex*; which being done, she was satisfied therewith, saying, *She hoped she should have more Opportunity of Retirement, to seek the Lord, and find him near her.* One Day her Father being by her, she said, *Oh 'tis a good Condition truly to wait, and feel the Mind staid upon the Lord.*

And her Father related something of his own Experience, having been greatly

greatly distressed for want of the Presence of the Lord, and Help in the time of Need. She replyed, acknowledging her Father's Experience; speaking with great Respect of him, *and low Thoughts of her self.* At another time she said, *Oh the Enemy takes Advantage of my outward Weakness.* But Faith arising, said, *I trust the Lord will drive him quite away.* A few Days before she Dyed, her Father and another Friend, coming late one Night to visit her, found her under great inward Travel, for the *Enjoyment of the Love of God to her Soul, that being all she desired.* And the next Day waiting upon the Lord in her Chamber, the Friend signified *the Sense he had of the Mercy and Love of God towards her.* Desiring that she might wait to feel more of it, and trust therein, watching against the Enemy: And he did believe God would graciously *answer her Desire and Breathing*, and she acknowledged his Regard to her. And the Friend added, I believe this Day [illegible]

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over, before the Lord giveth thee thy longed for Desire; [which was God's Presence] and she believing, answered, *I believe the Lord will hear thy Prayers for me.* And about the third Hour in the Afternoon, while her Husband and Friends sat by her, waiting upon the Lord, the same Friend prayed, and God did in a large manner, manifest his Love amongst them, and by his Living Power, did drive away the Clouds and Darkness, *to the refreshing of the Mourner, and the Comfort of her, that could not be comforted without the feeling of his Power and Goodness*: And she said, **Oh now is the good time come! now I feel the Love of God towards me, in my Soul!** *he hath open'd my Heart, and brought me into Liberty; How good a God have I! O the Merciful God that I have to do with, that hath remembred me! He that said to the Thief upon the Cross, To Day shalt thou be with me in Paradise; He hath looked upon me.* **Now I am satisfied; now I am freely resigned and given up unto**

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to the Will of God; for now hath the Lord given me the Assurance of his Love for ever. And it was observable, how careful she was all along, of speaking any thing beyond what she did enjoy.

As her near Friends and Relations, did sympathize with her in the deep Exercise and Travail of Soul she underwent, before she received the full Assurance of Eternal Happiness; Which when she had attained to it, was occasion of comfort and Gladness of Heart to them.

Soon after some came to visit her, to whom she signified something of the Lord's Dealings with her; *Remembring them of their latter End, and the Necessity of a Preparation for that time; and withal, how hard it was to dye.* One of them being under some Convincement of Truth, she declared *the Need there was to Mind and have Regard to the Convictions of the Spirit of Truth, and Discovery of Light.* Certifying the Principle of Truth to be most excellent; *and so many as were*

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led by it, are fit to dye: But if any Professing the same, did not contrary, the Fault was their own. Desiring that not any thing of that Kind, might be a Stumbling-Block to them: With more that she said, speaking of the *great Assurance of the Love of God which she enjoyed, and now was willing to dye, having nothing else to do, but to dye.* Which much affected the Persons she spoke to, that they wept much, and said, they should *never forget what she had said.*——At Night her Husband, and Father, and others, being present, she said, *Come now rejoyce with me; the good time is now come, because the Lord is good, the Lord is good; and hath given me the* Assurance of Eternal Life: *So that you may now rejoyce with me, and I hope you will have a joyful Meeting; the Lord give you a good Meeting from whence I am to be buried, and bless the opportunity to them that may be there. O that all might be Diligent who have been Careless, and let their Minds out after vain things; desiring that all might Love Holiness.*

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The next Day signifying to those about her, *the Continuance of the Favour and Love of God*, that she was enlarged to speak of, *and Praise him for the same*, who did support her under great Weakness; and *that she saw clearly through the secret and subtil Workings of the Enemy of her Soul. Who would have discouraged her; but* (said she) *I know the Power that hath driven him back, and he must enter no more: Now is my Soul Redeemed to God, and he that hath Redeemed me, is near me. The Sufferings and Death of Christ, and of his Followers, the shedding of his Blood, and what he hath done for me, I feel now that I have the Benefit of all: Blessed be my Redeemer, who is near me.*

On the 6th Day of the Week, came divers of her Relations and Friends from *London* to see her, and were much Comforted, because of the good Condition that they found her in; and the time was good, because the good God of Life, opened the

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Living Springs in their Hearts; that which ſtop'd the Well, being taken away: So that thoſe who Loved her moſt, were reconciled to part with her. Then to one of thoſe preſent, whom ſhe Loved much, ſhe ſaid, *Oh Why haſt thou ſtaid ſo long? If thou hadſt been here before, I believe I had been gone; but Oh, when I wreſtled with the Lord for my own Soul, thou waſt ſtill before me, and it was often in my Mind to ſend for thee: Indeed I may ſay the Lord conſtrained me, and it was to tell thee this, That thy State is as mine was, not as mine is. No, no, Thou haſt hard Work to do yet: Oh the Anxiety, the Sorrow, the Agony and Perplexity of Soul, the Lord hath been pleaſed to lay upon me, yet blameleſs as to my Life and Converſation: None can accuſe me of any Evil, neither do I believe they can thee; neither can I. Therefore take it not amiſs, for in pure Love to thy never-dying Soul, do I Perſuade thee and Exhort thee; for I cannot but ſay, I have ſeen clearly into thy State, becauſe I Love thee. I am concerned for*

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thee, I know it is as I was: I have sometimes gone to a Meeting, and not keeping on my Watch, my Mind was cumbered with many things, and I have gone away never the better: Answer me; Hath it not been so with thee? And no Reply being made, she spoke earnestly, and asked again, *Prithee tell me, tell me*; then an Answer being given, she said, *Watch and Pray, Dear Friend, for thou wilt find it hard to dye, live as well as thou canst: And thou knowest not but it may be thy turn next. Though thou art a Flower, so was I, yet see how I am faded away: Forget not my dying Words, forget them not; they are spoke to thee in pure Love. Therefore Dear and Tender Friend, take them so.* Then she said, Farewel, Farewel, I am going to Eternal Glory, but Oh how hard was it to obtain an Assurance thereof! But now Glory, Glory, to my God! I have obtained pardon, and am going to Glory. *And one word more, Dear Friend, keep in all Plainness, both in House and Apparel, for that becomes*

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us best; that will last longest, that we shall have most Peace in; then bid her again, *Farewel, Farewel.*

That Night another Friend came to visit her, who with her Husband, Father, and divers other Friends, had a good Meeting in her Chamber. After which, she expressed her Affections to her Husband and tender Children, *desiring the Blessing of God upon them, and that her Children might be brought up in the Fear of the Lord, and in that Plainness that Truth Leads into*; and said affectionately to her Father, *Thou hast been a tender Father to me, be so to mine, a Grandfather, double, double.*

And further said, *Though I have a Dear loving Husband, and Two fine Children, and plenty enough of things of this World, so that there's nothing wanting; But Oh what's all that? It is as nothing in comparison of the Love and Love of God, which is [illegible] Thou gracious a God [illegible] Now I want to go hence, I long to be dissolved: Come Lord, come Lord*

Lord Jesus, receive my Spirit. And for the Comfort of her Friends, said, *My gracious God hath given me the* full Assurance; Oh the Light that I see before me, and the Glory of that Kingdom I shall soon enter into.

The Night before her departure, it having been the Monthly Meeting at *Mill-Hill*, several of her Friends having come from *London* to visit her, after they were gone, her Father took notice what a Company of Friends had been below; she replyed, *I pray God bless you, and grant to you all as happy an End as I am like to make.* With many more sensible Expressions, which she uttered. That Night she received a Letter from our Friend *William Penn*, whom she much esteemed; who had been to visit her in the beginning of her Sickness; Part of it is as follows.

Dear Elizabeth,

I was grieved that I am hindred from seeing thee, but the Lord I have

'have fought for thee, and in Spirit 'abundantly sympathized with thee: 'I beseech him, make all easie to 'thee, in Life or in Death; the 'Lord God of thy Life, and the Life 'of his dear People, be with thee, 'and do his blessed good Pleasure: 'In the Love of which endless Life, 'I bid thee Farewel, Farewel. Thy 'Friend and Brother in the Lord, 'where we shall meet again and live 'for Ever.

The which Letter, a Friend present, at her Desire, answered, and she at Conclusion, expressed these words, *My Love in the Lord Jesus, in whom I received his Love, is dearly to him, and my dear Love to his Wife.*

The next Day being the 2d Day of the Week, she said in the Morning to them about her, *Dear Friends, Farewel, the Lord God of Heaven and Earth, be with you, Bless you, and Preserve you.* And having taken her Leave of her Husband, and all in Order,

Order, leaving Directions not only about her Children, as to the bringing them up; but also the Family she left behind, and concerning several Acts of *Charity*; also her Burial, and the manner of it: About the 3d hour in the Afternoon, she said to a Minister present, who did often visit her in her Sickness, *A True Friend, the Lord reward thee when I am gone.* And having an easie Passage, soon fell asleep, and is now at Rest in the Lord.

She remembred her Love in the Lord Jesus Christ to Friends. She died at *Mill-hill* the 12th, and was Buried in *London* the 15th of the 2d Month, 1698. Aged 28 Years.

ANNE *Mercy Staploe*, Daughter of *John Staploe*, of *Aldersgate-Street*, *London*, a Young Maid, between Fourteen and Fifteen Years of Age, who was a *Dutiful Child* to her Parents, a *Pattern of Content* in the Family, and was seldom out of

Temper, whatever happen'd. She had been at School the 18th of the 1ſt Month, and was taken Sick the ſame Day, of a violent Feaver; yet preſerved in her Senſes to the laſt. At the time of her firſt being ill, a Neighbour being with her, ſhe ſaid, *She thought her ſelf to be taken much after the manner that the Servant Maid was, that died out of the Family Two or Three Months before*; and ſhe was heard to ſay as ſhe lay in a quiet and ſtill Frame, *Thy Will, thy Will be done*: And another time, her Mother asking how ſhe did, ſhe chearfully anſwered, *That ſhe thought ſhe ſhould not recover; but deſired to be contented with the Will of the Lord.* And when her Friends came to ſee her, ſhe affectionately acknowledged their Viſit, and ſaid, *A broken Heart and contrite, was accepted of the Lord*; with many more Words, but her Voice being low, could not well underſtand them. A Friend taking Leave of her, deſired the Lord to comfort her, and ſhe anſwered,

ſwered, *He hath*; and ſaid, *I have been in the ſweeteſt Frame, that ever I was in, in my Life; Praiſes, Praiſes, be to the Lord, for thou art worthy of it!* And declared her Willingneſs to die, and that ſhe was happy in the Lord. And being asked to take ſomething to moiſten her Mouth, ſaid, *None, for in a few Minutes I ſhall be at eaſe*; and looking on her Friends about her, ſhe turned her Face to the Pillow, and ſaid, *Anne Mercy bids all Farewel.* And a Neighbour asked her if ſhe was willing to die; ſhe ſaid, *Yes, and go to God*; and departed in about Two Minutes after, having been Sick Four Days; died on the 22d of the 1ſt Month, 1700. and was Buried from *Bull* and *Mouth Meeting-Houſe* the 25th of the ſame Month. Aged between 14 and 15 Years.

A Youth about Nineteen Years Old.

MOrgan Cadwolader, Son of *Cadwolader Morgan*, of *Marian-Townſhip* in *Penſilvania*; being under Weakneſs of Body, he ſaid, *When he was in Health, he was not ſo careful as he ſhould have been:* So that when he heard Friends ſpeak concerning the Precioufneſs of the Work of the Lord, and concerning being Serious; and how needful it was to uſe but few Words in our Converſation, he was not careful enough concerning theſe Things: And when it hapened he was among ſome who were Light and Vain, it was pleaſing to him.

But when the Lord was pleaſed to viſit him with Sickneſs, and bring him (in his Apprehenſion) very near Death; then he began to conſider his Condition, and ſaw himſelf wanting: Then the Fear of the Lord came upon him, and he took Delight in his Service: And the Com-

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pany of them who was moſt ſerious, and careful to keep cloſe to the Lord, was moſt acceptable to him. And he deſired that they would Pray for him; and the Lord put it into his Heart to go alone to wait upon him, and pray unto him. And it was his chief Concern to be ſerious and grave, and to refrain from that Company which he formerly delighted in. And ſuch a fear was upon his Heart, that he would deſire his Friends and Relations, if they heard him at any time ſay Amiſs, to tell him of it. And when he was in his laſt Sickneſs, a Friend viſiting him, enquired how he did, he replied, *I am not afraid of Death, nor Puniſhment after it; for I know, and am ſatisfied, That the Lord will have Mercy on me: And yet I wait to come one Step nearer to him.* And to another Friend he ſaid taking his Leave of him, *When thy Heart is tendered, remember me; for it is good for one that is weak to have Help.* And did often ſay, *The time of my going to my long Home*

draws nigh; and ſaid, *How good is the Lord, and how great is his Love!* One time he asked his Mother, how much he did want of Twenty Years? She replied, Three Quarters of a Year. Then ſaid he, *If I go to my Grave in my youthful Days, I ſhall eſcape a great deal of Trouble that is in the World.* And farther he ſaid, *I have very often uſed to go alone into the Woods, and fall on my Knees to pray to the Lord, and make Covenants with him; and that with many Tears: Though I have ſometimes been too ſhort in performing my Covenants which I made in my Diſtreſs; yet the Lord has been merciful to me, and I am willing to die: But this poor Carcaſe, which is much decayed already, will go to the Grave; but the purer Part, or Spirit, that is in it, will go to the Lord that gave it.* He ſaid to his Brother, *I know thou art tender, and often broken into Tears: If thou wilt be careful the Lord will be good to thee. And I deſire thee after Meeting on Firſt Days, and on other Days, when thou haſt time, to read the Scriptures, and*

Friends

Friends Books, and ſpend leſs time in reading Hiſtory; though I don't ſay there is Harm in ſo doing, if it don't too much employ thy Mind: For theſe things will be of little Worth at laſt: I hope thou wilt think on my Words, when my Body is in the Duſt. And he prayed on this wiſe, *O Lord, who doth hear and ſee in all Places; Let it be good in thy Sight, to look upon me poor Mortal: Comfort and Strengthen thou me, againſt the time, that thou mayſt ſee it convenient to take me out of this World: And if there be any under great Trouble, Lord do thou help them.* The Morning before he departed, a Friend asked him how he did? His Anſwer was, *I am very well; I can wait bravely to Day, better than at any time before;* and deſired his Father to wait with him that Day; and alſo intreated both his Father and Mother to pray to the Lord for him. And gave good Advice to his Siſters, *to ſhun vain Company*; adding, *through the Goodneſs and Mercy of the Lord, I am going to a good Place.* And ſaid,

don't deſpiſe your Father and Mother. Farther ſpeaking to them all, ſaid, *When I am departed, be you ſilent, and have a care you make no noiſe; but for Weeping, you cannot help that.* And then he ſaid, *Turn me on my Right Side, and* **I will truſt in the Lord.** Theſe were his laſt Words that he ſaid, and ſo ſlept about Half an Hour, and departed this Life without ſtruggling; as if he had fallen into his Natural Sleep.

He died the 16th Day of the 12th Month, 1698. Aged Nineteen Years and Three Months.

Richard Samble, was born at a Place called *Penn-Hall*, in the Pariſh of *Enoder*, in the County of *Cornwal*; and Baptized according to the manner of the Church of *England*, the 24th of the 5th Month, 1644. And his Education was according. In which he continued, untill it pleaſed God to call him by his Grace,

Grace, and to reveal his Son in him; which was about the Year, 1660. at which time, the Lord ſent ſome of his Meſſengers called *Quakers*, into thoſe Parts, to make known *the way of Salvation, and to turn People from Darkneſs to Light*: Whoſe Teſtimony he received, and cloſed with; and like *Ephraim*, did lament his miſpent time, under a Form, without Power; and did then join himſelf to the Lord and his People, as in a *Perpetual Covenant*, that can never be broken. He was brought into deep Humility, and ſate down in Silence, in the Aſſemblies of God's People for ſeveral Years, in Tenderneſs, Fear and Trembling; waiting upon the Lord, for that Wiſdom which was from above. And ſometimes when his Heart was filled with the Power of the Lord, he would in much Tenderneſs, ſpeak a Sentence or two in a Meeting of God's People, which was received and accepted: (as Five Words to Edification) And though his Preſence was

Contemptible to the great Men, Rabbies, Orators, and Diſputers of this World; yet his Teſtimony was made powerful to many.

He was improved in his Gift for the Work of the Miniſtry, through great Diligence; and in his laſt ſix Years, travelled frequently from County to County; Viſiting the Meetings of Friends in many Parts of *England* and *Wales*. And at his return from his Journies, fell diligently to his Trade, which was a *Taylor*, for the help of his Family.

He gave up his weak Body to ſpend, and be ſpent in God's Service, and was as careful of his time, as if he had ſeen the Shadows of the Evening ſtretched out.

And he adorned his Teſtimony, by a circumſpect Life. He was very *temperate*; and all things were ſo ſanctified to him in the Fear of the Lord, that he was a ſweet Savour in his Day. His Wife did not remember that ever ſhe heard him ſpeak one unſavory Word, during the

Twelve

Twelve Years she was his Wife; and Contented in every Condition; exhorting his Wife and Children, to *live in God's Fear.* And in the Church, he was as a Nursing Father; never sparing his Labour, though many times through much Difficulty, to visit the People of God, both in season, and out of Season; Rebuking some, Exhorting others, and Comforting and Confirming many, in that heavenly Power that did accompany him; being willing to serve the Lord, with all his Heart, Mind, Understanding and Strength.

About the 1st Month, 1680. in his Travels (having been weak some Months before) he was taken Sick at *Pool* in *Dorsetshire*; from whence, (expecting to see them no more) he wrote an Epistle to Friends in *Cornwall*, the County where he was *Born*, and where he received Truth; and also where his Family dwelt: Which is as Followeth.

To

To Friends in Cornwal.

Dear Friends,

I Send this Salutation, as though it were my last unto you; wherein I take my leave of you in the Lord Jesus Christ, desiring you all may obey the Truth, and live and die in it. And the many Sweet and Heavenly Opportunities which my Soul hath had with you, is fresh in my Remembrance. And now, *dear Hearts*, my Body grows very weak; but my Soul is strong in the Lord, who hath greatly renewed the lasting Seal of his Love unto my Soul this Morning. Oh! How could I Sleep when my Heart was so awakened unto the blessed Sense of my Acquaintance with the Lord, which sounded through my Soul, that my Name should not be blotted out of the Book of Life, and of the Holy City, the Heavenly *Jerusalem*, whose Foundation is full of precious

'ous Stones, and the River of the 'Water of Life flows, where the 'Gates are not shut all Day, neither is any Night there: Which, 'when my Soul heard, my Heart 'was dissolved and broken within 'me, and my Head was as it were 'turned into Water, and mine Eyes 'gushed out with Tears, in the 'Consideration of the endless Love 'of God, to such a poor Creature 'as I.

'Now, dear Friends, who are 'truly near me in the Lord, you 'know the time of our first Know-'ledge and Acquaintance, which 'was a time of Love, and to this 'Day my Heart is filled with the 'same towards you; though I am 'like, as to the Outward, to see 'your Faces no more.

'Oh Friends! be not ensnared 'nor entangled with things of this 'World, nor let your Minds go 'out of Truth, and so lose the E-'verlasting Stay and Support of 'your Souls in the last Day; but

'rather

'rather let go all, and hold fast
'the Truth, and keep your Hearts
'from being over-run with the
'World's Spirit; and so will the
'Spirit of Truth spring up in you,
'as a Well to refresh your Souls.

'And all you, whose Hearts are
'truly tendered to the Lord, whose
'Trials and Exercises are not a
'few, be not daunted nor discoura-
'ged, although the Enemy may seek
'to **frighten you with many**
'Temptations, and would seek
'to lead you out of the Fellow-
'ship with your Dying Day;
'which Exercise my Soul has some-
'times passed under. But blessed be
'the Lord for ever, the Enemy is
'**found a Lyar**; for the Lord has
'been pleased to make **this Sick-**
'Bed to me better than a King's
'palace; and I have great fel-
'lowship with my last Day; and
'do rejoice in the Lord, who doth
'so sweetly visit me with the glo-
'rious Light of his Countenance: It's
'with me, as it's with one who has

'travell'd

'travell'd many weary Journey's, 'and at last is come to the sight of 'his desired end; which when he 'sees, greatly rejoyces in a Sense of 'a further satisfaction which he shall 'after enjoy; even so it is with me, 'who have passed no opportunity, 'where I saw the way of Life clear 'and open before me, but have 'been ready Night and Day to 'do the Will, and answer the Re-'quirings of the Lord; and so 'running, as one in a Race, know-'ing my time that it is but short: 'And blessed be the Lord, **I have 'great Peace and Satisfaction 'in this my weak and low Con-'dition**; and satisfied, seeing my 'Lot was not at this time among 'you, that it is here in this place; 'and I hope it will be well, whe-'ther **I Live or Dye**.

'And so my dear and well-belo-'ved Friends, dwell in Love one 'with another, walking in the un-'spotted Life, so shall you grow up 'as pleasant Plants in the Garden

'of

'of the Lord, and the Dew of
'Life will more and more deſcend
'upon you; and this you will feel
'from Day to Day; and when
'you ſhall come to your latter end,
'your Reward will be ſure with
'the Lord.

'I have much in my Heart to-
'wards you, but my ſtrength fails
'me; only this I deſire of you,
'ſeeing I am like to leave my Wife
'and tender Babes with you (whom
'I know not whether I ſhall ſee
'more) great is my Love and ten-
'der Reſpect to them, for we have
'liv'd from the Beginning as two
'joyned together by the Lord, who
'gives Victory over the World;
'believing, that when I am gone,
'the Care of my God will be over
'them; and I have been a tender
'Father to them, and they have been
'to me very tender Children, and my
'Wife hath been to me, as Bone of
'my Bone, and Fleſh of my Fleſh,
'yet I muſt leave both her and them
'unto the Lord.

'And

'And this I would leave with 'you, my dear Brethren and Sisters, 'who have known me from the be-'ginning, that you esteem of her, 'when I am gone, as one who was 'Wife to him that was made wil-'ling in his Day, to spend and be 'spent for God's Truth, and his 'Churches sake; and I desire you 'in the Lord Jesus Christ, that my 'dear Wife may meet with no 'Discouragements from you; she is 'a tender Woman; and then you 'will be Encouragers of her. I 'know, when this comes to your 'Hands, there will be no want of 'Sorrow; but I trust in my God, 'that both my dear Wife and you 'will be so endowed with the Power 'and Presence of the Lord, that if 'you should hear of my going hence, 'that you will conclude, as becomes 'true Christians, **That you must 'come to me, and that I cannot 'come to you.**

'And so my dear Friends, in the 'opening free Love of God, which

'this

'this Morning my Soul is visited
'withal, I dearly Salute you, desi-
'ring the Lord may be a Husband
'to my dear Wife, and a Father
'to my Children, and you Friends
'to both.

'And whereas I have never been
'wanting in my Labour and Ser-
'vice for the Glory of the Lord, and
'your Good, when with you; and
'if the Lord yet lengthen my Days,
'I trust I shall be as ready and as
'willing as ever I have been: So
'conclude in a sweet and living
'Sense of that Love which will
'never Dye, **My Wife's dear**
'**Husband, my Childrens ten-**
'**der Father, and your own**
'**dear Friend and Brother**, in the
'immortal Seed of Life, where we
'are nearly and dearly related one
'to another.

Pool, *the first of the first Month*, 1680. *Richard Samble.*

Thus

Thus our dear Friend, had a true Senſe of his Death; and this Letter manifeſts that he was a True Chriſtian, a Good Husband, a Tender Father, and a Faithful Friend and Brother; and it was his dying and laſt Words to them, as he ſaid, for he did not live to ſee his Family and Friends in that County, to whom he did write, tho' he continued ſome Weeks after this. And recovering a little ſtrength, was deſirous to be at home with his Wife, and ſmall Children, and Relations in *Cornwal*; and in order to it, did Travel in much Weakneſs to *Topſham*, and after a few Days reſt, he reached to *Champet*, near *Mourton*, in *Devonſhire*, and there he fell into a relapſe, and his Wife came to him. And the Day before his departure, taking leave of his Wife, he ſaid, *Oh! my dear Wife, come hither to me, and let me take thee in my Arms once more. The Lord will be to thee an Husband, and a Father to our little Children, as thou abideſt Faithful to*

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the Lord. Then after a few Words more to her, he prayed a conſiderable time; yea, as long as Life did laſt, he was Praiſing and Magnifying the Lord. And to a Friend who did viſit him a little before his Death, as he lay weak on his Bed, he declared how well it was with him; *that he did give up to the Lord's Requirings, to ſpend and be ſpent for the Churches ſake*; and ſaid, *He knew his Time would be but ſhort, and Labours, Travels and Exerciſes, would have their end, and be no more*; with many more Heavenly Expreſſions, in much Tenderneſs, with Tears running down his Cheeks; which was a great comfort to the Friends preſent.

So he finiſhed his Teſtimony, and ſlept with his Fathers, the 15th of the 3d Month, 1680. and is enter'd into Reſt from his Labours, and his Works follow him. Aged 36 Years.

James

JAmes Martyn, Born at East-Acton, in the County of Middlesex, in the Year 1646. Who was Convinced of Truth in the Year 1672. He was a Man whose Conversation did adorn the Doctrine of Christ Jesus, which he Preached, and did Faithfully and Zealously labour to spread the Truth abroad, on which account he did Travel in *America*, as well as in *England*; the first time he went to *America*, was in the Year 1682. and returned into *England*, in the beginning of 1684. and went over into *America* a second time, in 1685. and returned again in the latter part of 1687. after which he continued Labouring in the Ministry, according to the Gift of Christ received. He was a weakly Man in Body, and was taken Sick, when he was abroad on a Journey in *Essex*. Being near his End, said as followeth. *Good is the Lord, Great is his Work which he hath wrought in the Hearts of his People, to whom he hath given Power to follow him faithfully in the Regeneration, through great*

great Tribulations, and have made their Garments White in the Blood of the Lamb, who hath Cleanſed and Redeemed them from the vain Converſation of the World: So that the Image of the Earthly is done away, and the Image of the Heavenly, Born. And their Converſation and Treaſure is in Heaven, and it is their Hearts delight to be there alſo. In which Bleſſed Work, this dear Servant of the Lord, made a good Progreſs, even to the Finiſhing of his Courſe with Joy; and he Received Witneſs in himſelf, that he pleaſed God, to his great Conſolation. In the time of his Sickneſs he had free acceſs to the Lord, who was pleaſed to give him the Returns of his divine Love and Life, to the overcoming of his Heart and Soul, and Comfort of them that were with him. O! the Heart-breaking Power that attended him Night and Day, which cauſed him to ſing forth Praiſes to the God of his Life. And he often ſaid, *Oh! precious it is to dwell low with the Lord! not to aſpire too high, but to keep*

keep in the low Valley, where the Streams of Life flow freely. Again, *Oh my dear God, how good art thou to me! Thy Goodneſs breaks my Heart! My dear Father, I have loved thee ever ſince I knew thee! I have followed thee faithfully ever ſince I did know thy Truth! Thou Bleſſed God! Let all that is within me, Praiſe thy Name! Thou haſt given me a* **good Reward! Death is Swallowed up of Life: Thou haſt given me Victory over the Grave, my Soul longs to be with thee, my Sweet Father!** With much more, even *continually Praiſing the Lord, and Rejoycing in his Mercy; Admoniſhing Friends who viſited him, to live in the Life of their Profeſſion:* Saying, *For a Profeſſion without Life, will ſtand none in Stead, when they come to dye. For it is a dreadful Condition to ſee Death approaching, and the Terrors of God lye upon the Conſcience for Diſobedience.* **Oh it is a Bleſſed thing when Death approaches, to know Peace and Conſolation with the Lord, and an Anſwer, well done.** He afterward

ward said, *Oh what a Bleſſed thing it is to feel Life. Friends, Life is that will make your Hearts glad.* When his Speech was almoſt gone, thoſe about him could many times hear him ſay, *My Soul Praiſes the Lord, my Soul is glad with thy Joy.* And ſo finiſhed this Life in great Peace with the Lord, on the 30th Day of the 8th Month, 1691. at the Houſe of *John Salmon*, of *Botking*, near *Braintry*, *Eſſex*; and was buried in Friends Burial-Ground at *Ratcliff*, near *London*, the 3d of the 9th Month. Aged 45 Years.

Mary Mollineux, Wife of *Henry Mollineux*, late of *Leverpool*, *Lancaſhire*, her Maiden Name was *Southworth*: She was one who in her Childhood was much afflicted with weak Eyes, which made her unfit for the uſual Employment of Girls; and being of a large natural Capacity, Quick, and Studiouſly inclined, her Father brought her up to more Learn-

Learning than is commonly beſtowed on her Sex; in which ſhe became ſo good a Proficient, that ſhe well underſtood the *Latin Tongue*, fluently diſcourſed in it, and made a conſiderable Progreſs alſo in the *Greek*; wrote ſeveral Hands well, and was a good *Arithmetician*; as alſo to the Study of ſeveral uſeful Arts; and had a good underſtanding in Phyſick and Chirurgery, delighting in the Study of Nature, and to admire the great God of Nature, in the various Operations of his Power and Goodneſs, *&c.* She was one who loved the bleſſed Truth (and they who walked according to it) from a Child, being early Convinced thereof; and not ſatisfied with a Profeſſion of Religion, but earneſt for the Life of it, both in her ſelf and others. Not Proud nor Conceited of her Parts and Learning, but adorned with Humility: Plain and Decent in her Clothes, which ſhe valued for Service, more than Sight; Lov'd to read the Holy

Scriptures, Delighted much in Solitude; ſetting apart ſome time in the Day for Retirement. Delighted in frequenting Religious Meetings of the People called Quakers; and ſuffered Impriſonment for the ſame in *Lancaſter-Caſtle*, in the Year 1684. Afterwards ſhe was Marry'd to *Henry Mollineux*, to whom ſhe was a Loving Wife; an affectionate Mother to her Children; and a kind charitable Neighbour, eſpecially to ſuch as were in Diſtreſs, Sick, or in Affliction, though never ſo Poor, giving both Advice and Medicines to them that ſtood in need; whereby ſhe was made an Inſtrument of Good to many. She was Noble in the enduring Hardſhips upon the account of her Husbands Impriſonment, which was ſeveral times; and for him, and his fellow-Sufferers made Application to Dr. *Stratford*, Biſhop of *Cheſter*, they being Impriſoned upon a Writ, *De Excommunicatio Capiendo*, for not appearing at the Biſhop's Court, but had no Citation, or Law-

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ful Notice given them; and after her Discourse with the Bishop, he was so favourable, that they were set at Liberty. But afterwards the Priest, that prosecuted them before, threatned them again; which she having understood, spoke these words, and one took them down in writing, as followeth:

Even what the hungry Wolf in Field would do
To feeding Lambs, so will the Wretch to you:

The cruel Priest, Fierce, Covetous, Unjust,
For Money, not for Souls, doth Cark and Lust.

She did write many Poems upon Religious Subjects, (which were lately Printed for publick Service) having a Gift that way.

Upon the 8th of the 10th Month 1695. she was taken with Sickness, under which she continued near a Month; about nine Days after she was taken Ill, she said, *I am well Content, if the Lord see meet, that he take me away; for my Pain is great, and I know not what in this World I*

should stay to enjoy, except it be my Husband, and my little Lads (her two Sons, of whom she then said, *I would rather have my Children enriched with the fear of the Lord, than with all manner of worldly Riches.* She grew daily weaker, inclining to Sleepiness, yet would sit up five or six Hours at a time, towards Evening, and Discourse freely, and said to her Husband, *That she was well satisfied, that if the Lord took her away by that Distemper, she should be* Eternally happy; with more comfortable Expressions, that are not set down. And that Evening it was thought she would have dyed; but recovering somewhat she spoke in Latin, *of being Cloathed hereafter*; whereby they understood that she was minding how *the Lord would Cloath her, when her Mortal Cloathing was put off.* Her Husband asked her, If she had any thing in her Mind concerning her Children, or any other thing farther to Communicate to him? She soon reply'd in Latin,

Latin, *Why ſpeakeſt thou ſuch things?* (as if all Temporal things were out of her Thoughts) *Doſt not thou underſtand me?* He reply'd, Yes very well, ſhe ſpoke of Spiritual things; ſhe anſwered, *Yes*; *but ſhe had nothing concerning Outward things farther to ſay.* The next Morning, her Breath being ſhort, her Husband expecting her Departure, expreſſed to Friends preſent, ſomewhat of his Concern for her, ſhe ſaid to him, *Ne nimis ſolicitus eſto: Be not thou over-much careful, or troubled.* When Company was preſent, ſhe ſometimes ſpoke in Latin, when ſhe intended it only to her Husband; after, being asked how ſhe did? her anſwer was *Drawing nearer and nearer*; with many other ſweet and good Sentences; and ſo departed without any Noiſe, Sigh, or Groan, on the 3d Day of the 11th Month, 1695. in the Evening; Aged 44 Years.

Here followeth a Contemplation of *M. M.* written when a Maid, named *Mary Southworth.*

Of the Preſence of God.

How Amiable is thy Preſence, Lord!
Oh how deſirable thy holy Word!
Tho' as a Fire or Hammer it appear,
To burn or batter down whatever's dear
To ſinful fleſh and blood: Thy Judgments be
Exceeding ſweet and pleaſant unto me;
For Sion's *Children are redeem'd thereby,*
And purify'd from their Iniquity.
Yea, Everlaſting Righteouſneſs brought in,
Her Converts ranſom'd from enſnaring ſin.
And thy Salvation is hereby reveal'd
Nearer, and thy great Mercies are unſeal'd
When Judgment is brought forth to Victory,
That thine may walk with thee in Purity,
Ah! teach us daily patiently to wait
In holy Aw, to know this happy State
Confirm'd and Seal'd unto us, that we may
Reign with the Lamb in the eternal Day:
Then may we to the Praiſe of Sion's King,
A Song of Judgment and of Mercy Sing.

M. S.

ANdrew Taylor received Truth in the Year 1672. when it pleased God to visit many in the Borders of *England*, in *Cumberland*, in sending his Servants to declare the Word of Life amongst them; and through his Faithfulness and true Zeal for the Lord, he came to be wonderfully changed, and did suffer several Imprisonments for Meeting among the Lord's People. A Man Diligent in Business, Faithful and Upright among Men. His way was, to be better than he appeared, so that People loved and esteemed him: And after several Years, having approved himself just and Honest towards Men, God bestowed his Heavenly Riches upon him; and called him to the Work of the Ministry about the Year 1679. fitting him for the same, so that by him many were Convinced of the Truth and Right Way of the Lord; not only in his own Country where he was best known, but in other Parts; for he travell'd diligently in many Parts of this Na-

tion, and also in *Scotland* and *Ireland*. He was Zealous to Reprove Sin, and Careful to Preach the Gospel Freely, his own endeavours sufficiently supplying his Necessities. At last his Body being much spent, through his many Labours and Travels, a universal Weakness or Consumption seiz'd him, having little Pain or Sickness, and so growing weaker and weaker: And, being satisfied that his end drew near, *There continued a Travel upon his Spirit, that the Lord God that had been with him, and born him up in many deep Trials and Exercises, would accept of him into his Rest.* And the Friends present were witnesses of the Hope that he had in his latter end. And a little before he Dyed, he prayed, saying, **Come, Lord Jesus, come quickly; for now I am ready.** Being filled with Heavenly Joy, he departed this Life, the 3d Day of the 3d Month, 1698. in the 55th Year of his Age, and about 19 Years a Preacher of the Gospel.

Elizabeth

Elizabeth Copperthwaite, late Wife of *Hugh Copperthwaite*, of *Flushing* in *Long-Island*, in *America*, was Convinced of Truth about the Year 1652. in the North part of *Old England*, and continued therein faithful to the end, a Woman ſerviceable in the Church of Chriſt in ſeveral reſpects, as well by a publick Teſtimony to the bleſſed Truth, which ſhe did bear in much Plainneſs and Sincerity; Delighting in the Proſperity of Truth, and of the People of God; and had true Judgment, when to ſpeak and when to be ſilent; and did devide between the Precious and the Vile, being tender to the Broken-Hearted, but as a Sword againſt that which was Evil, and which tended to Diviſion in the Church of Chriſt; very deſirous that the Young Generation might grow up in the Life of Truth, as well as in the Education thereof. She was at times Sick ſeveral Months before ſhe Dyed, which ſhe endured with great Contentedneſs; often expreſ-

ſing the Love of God to her, ſaying, *That ſhe felt his Heavenly Preſence.* And in the time of her Sickneſs, did bear many Faithful Teſtimonies to the Glory of the worthy Name of God, ſtrengthning and encouraging Friends in his Work and Service, and againſt the Spirit of Separation; for the Lord had ſealed it upon her Heart, that that which leads out of the Heavenly Unity, and Brotherly Fellowſhip, was a falſe Spirit, and not of the Father. And ſhe did often ſay, *That ſuch could not be Heirs with the true Seed*; and exhorted thoſe about her againſt the Superfluity of the World; ſhewing them the ill Conſequence thereof. And Friends who came to ſee her, ſhe exhorted to *Faithfulneſs*, ſaying, *There is nothing like it.*

She continued Senſible to the laſt, and departed this Life, on the 15th of the 10th Month, 1697.

William Wilfer, of *Longdale-Chappel* in the County of *Westmorland*, was a Man of an Innocent Life; and had little of Outward Learning, and yet God was pleased to Teach him Himself, and called him to bear a Testimony to his Name, and he did it Faithfully; not only in many Parts of this Nation, but in *Germany*, and several times in *Scotland*. A Man of a lowly and meek Spirit, Upright and Just among his Neighbours, which caused them often to commit their Matters in Difference to his Arbitration; in which he was Careful to find out the Truth and Ground of things, and would never Countenance Deceit; and in this Service he had Success, and seldom miss'd his desired end, *viz.* To make Peace. Faithful in his Testimony for the Truth, and was a Sufferer for the same in the Prison at *Kendal*, in the Year 1666, and several other times afterwards, as well as by Distress on his Goods. Besides that, he suffer'd

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cruel Mockings, Stockings, Stoning, Blows and Wounds by cruel Usage, both from Priests and People; as, particularly at *Eshdale*, in *Cumberland*, because this *W. Wilson* did exhort the People, *to mind that of God in their Conscience, and turn to that holy Light and Law which he had put into their Inward Parts, that by the same they might come to know the Will of God, and do it.* Because of these, and such like Words, one *Parker*, a Priest, in cruel Rage, did beat and wound him, and with one of his Crutches, did break his Head, and caused the Blood to run down his Shoulders; and the Priest being Lame, and not able as he would, to effect his cruel Purpose, caused his Horse to be brought, on which he mounted, and in the sight of the People, did brake his Staff in three Pieces, upon *William*'s bare Head, which made the People cry out against such merciless Work; but before the said *Parker* got home, he was struck with Sickness, that he never

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came more to the Steeple-House; and, during the time of his Sickness, he was very Loathsome, Stinking above the Ground, and so died.

A few Weeks after, the said *W. W.* went to the same place at *Eshdale*, and for speaking a few words to the People, one *Fogo*, Priest, at that time, took him by the Hair of the Head, pull'd him to the Ground, and drew him out of the Steeple-House; and also in Rage and Cruelty abused his Brother, *Michael Wilson*; but a few Months after, this same *Fogo* riding over some Sands, accompanied with several People, fell into a Quick-Sand, and was immediately Smothered.

This same *William Wilson*, left behind him a Widow, and two Daughters, to whom he was a true Husband, and tender Father; *Instructing his Children to keep in the Fear of the Lord, and to walk in the Way of Truth, which he walked in himself.* Often saying to them, *It would be the best Portion that they could enjoy.*

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His Sickness was short, being lately come off a long Journey, wherein his Body was much spent, and weak. He said, *I have not served the Lord Unfruitfully: I have no trouble upon me: And I am very sensible that all is well with me.* And again, he said, *He was content, whatsoever Way the Lord pleased: He was as a Dove, Harmless; and, as a Lamb, Innocent.* And again, a few Hours before he Died, at which time he walked several times over the Room, he said, as he had often before, *My Peace far exceeds my Pain.* And, standing upon his Feet, between two Friends, he said, *Oh that every one would mind the Lord, that they might keep Life.* And then he sate down, and drew Breath no more.

He deceas'd at his own House, at *Longdale-Chapple-Steel, Westmorland*, the 10th of the 5th Month, 1682.

Mary

Mary Watſon, late Wife of *Samuel Watſon*, of the County of *York*, was one, who for the ſake of the bleſſed Truth, did deny her ſelf, and was made willing to part with thoſe things which ſhe thought ſtood in her way; abhorring all manner of Evil; and was a tender Nurſing Mother, Nouriſhing, Exhorting and building up the Young in the moſt Holy Faith: Tho' weak in Body, much given to Faſting on Religious Accounts, and giving Alms; ſpending much of her time in private Retirement, frequent in Prayer, and Praiſing the Lord, delighting in Meditations, like *Mary*, that our Lord ſaid, *had chooſen that Good Part, which ſhall not be taken away from her.* Luk. 10.42. And whilſt ſhe had Strength of Body, to keep to publick Meetings, had a Word to ſpeak in Seaſon, ſuitable to the States and Conditions of many; and alſo was Inſtrumental in the Lord's Hand, to the keeping things in good Order,

der, Relating to Church-Affairs.

In the time of her Weakneſs of Body, ſhe was ſometimes under Fears of her great Paſſage from Mortality; but through Travel of Soul, in the Living Faith which ſhe Received of Chriſt, the Author of it, ſhe was kept ſtedfaſt, and obtained Victory, which God in his own time did manifeſt to her Soul. And afterwards ſhe made *Acknowledgements of the ſame to the Refreſhment of others.* Several Weeks before her Deceaſe, giving an Account, That the Work of Redemption was wrought and compleated; and all Doubts and Fears were removed; and now ſhe waited to be diſſolved, and to be with Chriſt, that Redeemed and Sanctified her: So that as a wiſe *Virgin*, ſhe was prepared to enter into Eternal Joy; and ſhe was filled with Praiſes, while ſhe had any *Strength remained in her Vitals*; and her Eye was to that heavenly Family, out of all the Families of the Earth, where ſhe gladly deſired to be

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rejoycing with her dear Children and Relations gone before, (as often her Expreſſion was.)

And ſhe had a tender regard to her Off-ſpring left behind, that they might, through the Grace of God, be gathered to Chriſt Jeſus the *Heavenly Shepherd*; with many Heavenly Prayers for them, and her Exhortation to them that were with her; and alſo for thoſe abſent (on her dying-Bed) was, *That they might walk humbly before the Lord, their Creator, and watch againſt all the evil Temptations of this World; the Fleſh and the Vanity and Luſts thereof, that no Pride, vain Glory, or Intemperance, they might be captivated with; but abiding in the Holy Fear of God all Evil would be ſuppreſſed and ſlain by the Croſs; and Humility, Righteouſneſs and Meekneſs of Spirit, and Holineſs ſhould grow up in them, and be not only to them as a comely Garment, but as a never-failing Portion.* At laſt all viſible Helps, and outward Enjoyments failing, ſhe had the Lord for

her Portion, and kept in Poſſeſſion of that Heavenly Treaſure in her Soul, and fed upon that Living Bread and Wine of the Kingdom, which ſhe is now in the more full Enjoyment of. She ſpoke often of her being *Surrounded with the Glory of the Lamb*, and was ſenſible in her Expreſſions to the laſt few Hours; and ſaid to her Huſband, *Love, Pray for me.* So gave up the Ghoſt in a ſweet ſtill manner, on the 2d Day of the 9th Month, 1694.

A Young Maid about 19 Years of Age.

Grace Watſon, Daughter of *Samuel Watſon*, of the County of *York*, was well Inclined from her Infancy, being ſubject to her Parents, and hating a Lye; of latter time given to Retiredneſs, and much Reading.

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In the time of her Sickneſs ſhe had more than ordinary Concern, in a Travel of Spirit, and Combating with the Enemy of her Soul, in which Exerciſe ſhe kept cloſe to the Power of an endleſs Life inwardly; but made no great Appearance until the Lord had given her Victory over the Enemy of her Soul, and deliver'd her from his Secret Temptations; and having paſſed through the Miniſtration of Judgment, her Enemy, the Crooked Serpent (as ſhe expreſſed her ſelf) was driven far from her Dwelling, ſo that nothing did hinder her Refreſhments, and the Well ſpringing up; her Joy was great, and thro' her Experience ſhe did ſing the Song of *Moſes*, and the Song of the Lamb, in a Spiritual Triumph, with Humiliation and Brokenneſs of Spirit. And ſhe did ſpeak ſeaſonably and diſtinctly concerning the Wiles of the Devil, who, ſhe ſaid, had laid his Snares in Trades, Dealings, and Converſation in the World;

World, and also in Families, &c. And though, according to common Prudence, one would have advised her to Silence, her weakness of Body considered, yet she was so full, and had such constraint upon her, that Words flow'd from her a long time in great Sweetness, and Heavenly Refreshment, insomuch that those with her were humbled before the Lord, in the Sense of his Presence, which caused many Tears.

And as any came into her Chamber, whether her Friends (called *Quakers*) or others, she had a suitable Testimony, as if she had felt no Weakness of Body; so that much was spoken, which was not taken down: Some of that which was taken, is as followeth:

Oh heavenly Father! what hast thou done for me this Night? How hast thou removed the Crooked Serpent: And not only removed him, but taken him quite away; So that I can say truly, Oh Heavenly Father, thy Will be done! Thou hast shone in upon me with thy

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marvelous Light; Thou hast shew'd me the Glory of thy House, the most Glorious Place that ever my Eyes beheld: Neither did I think thou hadst such a Place for any, much less for me, a poor Worm, a Pelican, once ready to think my self destitute.

Again, *But now hath the Lord taken me up; he hath removed the Crooked Serpent; so that I can say, I defie him, I defie him.*

And further said to the Lord, *If thou require my Life this Night of me, I freely give it unto thee. Oh Heavenly Father, Thy Will be done; and if thou hast further Work for me, keep me in that which I now enjoy; for there will my greatest Care be;* meaning to be kept therein.

And she said, *Thou hast made my Cup to run over, over, over. O heavenly Father, Thou hast taken away all my Pain: I am as if I ailed nothing, though of my self I could do nothing, scarce move one of my Fingers; my Tongue being ready to cleave to the Roof of my Mouth: But thou hast been a*

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Light to my Feet, and a Lanthorn to my Path: How can I ceaſe Praiſing thee, Thou God of Power, Thou art more unto me, than Corn, Wine and Oyl. Thy Love is ſweeter to my taſt, than the Honey, or the Honey-Comb. Oh! Je is more to be valued, than the Coſtly Pearls, and the Rich Rubies: The Gold of Ophir *is not to be compared unto it: O Bleſſed, O Praiſed, O Magnified be thou for ever.*

When ſhe was asked how ſhe did, her reply was, *I am but weak of Body, but ſtrong in the Lord, and in the Power of his Might.*

Once ſhe was queſtioning ſomething, but ſhe check'd her ſelf, *Why do I ſo? My Caſe is no doubting one, the Lord hath created a clean Heart, and renewed a right Spirit within me;* ſo that all Fears and Doubts are taken away: For ſhe added, *The Gates are open, and the Angels are ready to receive me into the Boſom of my heavenly Father, where I ſhall ſing Pſalms with his Redeemed Ones.*

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It was not perceived in all the time of her Sickneſs, that ſhe deſired to Live: But many times ſaid, as above, *If thou require my Life this Night, it is freely given to Thee, Oh! Lord, Do with me what thou pleaſeſt; Oh! heavenly Father, Thy Will be done. What haſt Thou done for me; Poor Striplin, in Compariſon of many; Thou haſt made my Bed: Thou haſt taken away my Pain; and my Sickneſs is gone.* And ſo lay all that Day, with many other times, in this Frame of Spirit.

And ſhe ſaid, *The Lord had a People in this City, and other Parts, that he will take to himſelf, and Crown with Glory and Honour.* And ſhe Exhorted thoſe preſent, *To prize their time, and not to give themſelves too much to the Things of this World. How many,* (ſaid ſhe) *have laid up great Riches, Earthly Treaſure, and in one Night have been deprived of all,* &c.

Her Siſter Weeping by her, ſhe ſaid, *Weep not, remember* David, *and be Comforted; the Tongue of Men*

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and Angels cannot declare the wonderful Greatness of Gods: O heavenly Father, How fruitful of Thee hast Thou made me? Thou hast straightened me, otherwise I should not have been able to speak so much of Thee. With Thee is fulness of Joy, and at thy Right Hand are Rivers of Pleasure for evermore.

And she did speak of the Parable of the Ten Virgins, *Oh! therefore* (said she) *keep upon your Watch-Tower, that whether he come at Midnight, or Cock-crow, or Dawning of the Day, be ready, for that is the Wedding-Chamber indeed, and he (he is the heavenly Bridegroom.)*

Speaking of her Parents (and Relations) whom she said, *was as near into her, as the Flesh to the Bone*; and taking her Sister by the Hand, said, *Tho' we be separated outwardly, we shall meet in the Kingdom of Glory. Oh!* (said she) *what cause have I to bless the Lord on their behalf, whom I am sure never Countenanced any Evil in any of us, but Reproved it. The Words of my dear and tender Mother,*

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I do remember since I was but ten Years of Age, who said, **she had fought the good fight of Faith, and the Crown of Glory was laid up for her.** *These words having remained upon my Mind, and taken deep Impression upon me,* **I can now say, I finish my Course with Joy, and shall receive the Crown of Glory.**

And she said, That *the Lord was a God at hand, in six Troubles, and in seven, nay, if thou bring me to the eighth, thou wilt never leave me:* Such was her Confidence in the Lord: And so departed this Life, in *London*, the 20th of the 6th Month, 1688. Aged 19 Years and 9 Months.

GEorge *Harrison*, of the Parish of *Killington*, in the County of *Westmoreland*, came of a Family of Note in the World, and underwent some Hardship from his Relations, upon the account of Truth,

which he received in the Year 1652. and ſoon after travell'd in the Service of the Goſpel, in many Counties of *England*, through great Afflictions, Sufferings, and Perſecution, from thoſe who were high in Profeſſion of Religion in that Day.

He was an able Miniſter of Jeſus Chriſt and Valiant for the Lord; and when he came unto a Meeting of Profeſſors, he would challenge of them the Order of the True Church, according to 1 *Cor.* 14. 30. which is, *If any thing be revealed to another that ſitteth by, let the firſt hold his Peace.* In the latter part of his time he went Southward, and came to *Edmund's-Bury*, *Suffolk*, and declared Truth through the Streets of that Town; afterwards went to an Inn, there, deſiring ſome Refreſhment for his Money, but they would not entertain him; ſo he went to *Bradfield-Manger*, and ſet up his Horſe in an Inn, and call'd for ſomething to Eat and Drink; but they perceiving by his Language, that he was

was a Quaker, refuſed alſo to entertain him, and led his Horſe out of the Stable; for which Cruelty he Meekly returned to them, in the words of Chriſt, *Mat.* 25. 43. viz. *I was a Stranger, and ye took me not in*: So that this Innocent Young Man was obliged to ride abroad all Night, and it being a very wet Seaſon, and he having been tenderly brought up, took a great Cold; ſo he went to *Haveril*, a Town between *Suffolk* and *Eſſex*, where the People did grievouſly beat him for his Teſtimony to the Truth; which Hardſhip, with the great Cold that he had received, by being forced abroad all Night, without Food, did greatly injure his Health, and put him in a Feaver; after which, with difficulty he got to *Coggeſhall*, in *Eſſex*, and was kindly received by *Robert Ludgater*, and after he removed to the Houſe of *Thomas Creek*, of *Little-Coggeſhall*, a Mile further. And during his Sickneſs, he did feel the Love and Peace of God to be with him; and did ſay to the Friends

with him, *Come Friends, rejoyce with me:* And ſo lay Praiſing God to the laſt Hour. He Died at the Houſe of *Thomas Creek*, aboveſaid, Aged about 26 Years; and was buried in the Orchard of *Thomas Sparrow*, Tanner, in *Stifted*, *Eſſex*, the latter end of the 5th Month, 1656.

Elizabeth Barker, late Wife of *John Barker*, Merchant in *Tower-Street*, *London*, being Sick, a Friend went to viſit her; when ſhe underſtood that he was below, ſhe cauſed thoſe preſent to withdraw, and ſent for him up; who asking, how ſhe did? She Wept, and ſaid, *I am a poor weak Woman; and I have prayed to the Lord, that if I am to die of this Sickneſs, he would let me know it; and I do not ſee it yet, though I am weak enough to expect it.* And ſhe expreſſed much concern for her three Children, if ſhe ſhould be taken away. The Friend anſwered, It was true, that Children

Children are very near to tender Parents, but we ought to be reſign'd, and commit them to God, who gave them to us; and beſides, if ſhe ſhould Die, their Grand-Father and Grand-Mother *Barker*, were not only able, but willing to take care of them.

Upon which ſhe ſeem'd ſomewhat ſatisfied, and after a ſpace of ſilence, ſhe ſaid, *It is Aſſurance of my Peace with God, that I do earneſtly deſire:* And farther ſaid, *For theſe two Years paſt, God has been at work in my Heart, and I endeavoured to anſwer his Will, and have deny'd my ſelf of ſome things, but I have had a care not to do it in Imitation of others, but from a Conviction in my own Conſcience; and I hope, if I live, I ſhall be Faithful to God:* And ſaid moreover, *And to keep thoſe Covenants that I have made with God.*—And after ſome ſpace, ſhe ſaid, *Oh the Preſence of God! it is that which my Soul deſires to enjoy;*—*God has been good to me many times; for when I have been alone at home, as well as in Meetings, the Lord has*

broken in upon my Heart; and when I have been troubled, and exercised in my Mind, I have gone in secret, and prayed to the Lord, and I know he has heard me, and several times answered my Prayer, not only for my self, but for my Children also; and particularly she mentioned one time, when one of her Children was in Appearance near to Death; said she, *I bowed my Soul before the Lord, with earnest cries to him for my Child, and the Child fell into a Sleep, and awaked much better, even before she took any Medicines.*

After some pause again, she asked the Friend who was with her, *What his thoughts were concerning her Recovery?* To which he reply'd, He had little to say to that; and desired her to keep her Mind staid upon the Lord, whom she did acknowledge had mercifully visited her, and she would find him still to extend his Mercy and Favour to her, with his good Presence, which was the most comfortable support upon a Sick Bed:

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She reply'd, *God has been with me in this Sickneſs, but I want more of his Preſence:* She added, *In the firſt of my Sickneſs, and before, at times, I uſed to be terrified with the Thoughts of Death; but now it is not ſo, I am not afraid of Death; that fear is taken away: For yeſterday they thought I was a Dying, and they were in a great hurry about me, but I was not ſo in my ſelf, for I felt great Sweetneſs and Stilneſs upon my Mind,* And afterwards ſhe ſaid, *I don't find that the Lord doth lay any thing to my Charge.*

And ſpeaking concerning her Child, which ſhe then Lay-in of, that ſhe had much deſired a Son, ſhe ſaid, *When I was laſt Year in* York-ſhire, *God did many times viſit my Soul, and I had large enjoyments of him: And one time praying to him, I fervently asked the Lord to give me a Son; and now God has anſwered me in this Requeſt, my deſire is* (which ſhe ſpoke with much Concern) *that when he is grown up, he may be a Preacher of Righteouſneſs.* She ſpoke upon ſe-

veral things, which is omitted; for she had a clear Understanding, and was in a right Mind and Frame of Spirit.—

Another time, the same Person visiting her, she desired all in the Room might be still, and she waited in much Retiredness of Mind, secretly Breathing to the Lord in her Heart, and the Friend prayed by her, with whom she Heartily joyned: upon his leaving her, she said, *This has been a good time, I have many Visitors, but too few of this kind: I have felt the Lord's Presence, but he will be quickly gone again: I have not so much of these sweet enjoyments as I desire.* After some more that passed, he asked her, if she desired to speak with any particular Friend in the City, and he would acquaint them with it? She answered, *I have not, I am easie in my Mind.*

About three Days before her Departure, when it was thought she was Dying, the same Friend being [illegible], she told him, *That she was willing*

willing to Die, if it was the Will of God; and gave him account of the *Concern that ſhe had upon her Mind, for a Relation who was lately to viſit her, whoſe Siſter had married one that was not called a Quaker*; *and*, ſaid ſhe, *I entreated her not to do the like*; *alſo I prayed her Mother, that ſhe would not ſuffer it to be*; *and I deſired her not to forſake the Truth, and God would never forſake her*; *and* (ſaid ſhe) *they both Wept*; *and when ſhe comes again, I will endeavour to make her promiſe me, not to Marry one that is not a Friend*: The Perſon reply'd, But then ſhe muſt alſo keep her Promiſe; to which ſhe earneſtly anſwered, *Ah! ſo ſhe muſt.* The reſt that ſhe ſaid at that time, is omitted; only *that ſhe had a great deſire to have ſpoken to the other Siſter which is marry'd*, but ſhe ſaid, *ſhe was in the Country.*

Her Father and Mother *Barker*, coming to viſit her, found her in a heavenly Frame of Mind, and ſhe ſaid, *O Mother, thou knoweſt that I have been afraid of Death*; *and*

I have loved vain and foolish Things; but I have prayed to the Lord to forgive me all my Sins: And now, instead of that Fear of Death, there is much Sweetness upon my Soul; and all those vain Things I once loved, I now loath; and all the World is nothing to me; with much more, expressing her Satisfaction and Peace of Conscience; and spoke of the exceeding Joy and Comfort that she felt, and how sweet the Presence of God was to her Soul; and she made heavenly Melody to God in her Heart; which did tenderly affect the Hearts of those present.

Her Sickness increasing, she grew weaker; and though sometime before she did not see that she should Dye, yet afterwards was satisfied concerning her Departure; and in order thereunto, did bequeath several things to her Relations and Children; and gave Directions concerning the ordering of her Children and Family, and also where she would be Buried; and she did receive Assurance of her future

future Happineſs: For a few Hours before her Deceaſe, the ſaid Friend coming to viſit her, found her very much ſpent, and her Kindred and Relations Mourning about her; he Prayed, deſiring *that all might ſubmit their Wills to the Will of God, who giveth and taketh away as he pleaſeth.* A conſiderable time after he was gone, lying very ſtill, ſhe ſaid, *The Voice ſaid, Submit, ſubmit; and I ſay, I have ſubmitted, I have ſubmitted*; or to the ſame effect. When theſe Words were ſpoken, a Relation preſent ſaid, Thou art going to leave us; ſhe reply'd, *I ſhall be Happy.* And ſhe alſo in the time of her Sickneſs ſaw a Viſion, of the Difficulty of her Paſſage out of this World, and of the Felicity of the Place ſhe at laſt arrived at; the particular Relation thereof I ſhall not now relate. She peaceably ended her Days, the 6th of the 3d Month, 1701. Aged 28 Years.

JOhn Crook, was Born *Anno*, 1617. he received the bleſſed Truth, as teſtified of by the People called *Quakers*, at its firſt being Preached in *Bedfordſhire*, which was about the Year 1654. He was a Man of Note in that County, having been a Juſtice of the Peace. And the Lord by his Spirit, made him an able Miniſter of the Goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt; he had great Diſcoveries in the Myſteries of the Goſpel, was Sound in Doctrine, and a skilful Archer, hitting the Mark.

In former Years, when he was out of Priſon, he laboured much in publiſhing the Goſpel, and many were the Seals of his Miniſtry. And as he had received a part of the Miniſtry, ſo alſo he had a ſhare of Sufferings for his faithful Teſtimony, being impriſoned in divers places, as, *London*, *Huntington*, *Ailesbury* and *Ipſwich*; and as he ſeal'd to the Truth by Sufferings, ſo he was Careful to Adorn the ſame by Converſation, and had regard to the

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Power of Godlineſs, in Life and Doctrine, above dead Forms, and to the Spirit above the Letter, yet highly eſteemed the holy Scriptures, with reſpect to the Sacred Doctrine thereof, being well read therein, and devoted for the Faith and Practice thereof, as the Lord gave him Underſtanding.

He was Eloquent, Allegorical and Myſterious, many times in his Miniſtry, but did not thereby deny or invalidate the Hiſtory of Chriſt, *&c.* as recorded in the holy Scriptures.

The Myſtery of Chriſt in Spirit, and as revealed and formed in true Believers, and their ſincere Conformity to him, in Spirit and Converſation, he greatly eſteemed; deſiring Profeſſors of Chriſtianity might come into the true Senſe and Experience thereof, by a true living and feeling Faith in Chriſt, and ſincere Obedience to him.

He ſpent his former Years moſtly in and about *Bedfordſhire*, and the Counties adjacent; and his latter Years in *Hertfordſhire*, being often diſabled from travelling far, by reaſon of ſeveral Infirmities of Body, as the *Gout*, *Collick* and *Stone*; ſo that he would ſay (with *Iſrael*) Pſalm 129. *I have been Afflicted from my Youth.* And under the Sorrow and Grief that he had with ſome of his Children, he would ſometimes, in a tender Frame of Spirit, Comfort himſelf in the Words of *David*, viz. *Although my Houſe be not ſo with God, he hath made with me an Everlaſting Covenant, order'd in all Things, and ſure*, 2 Sam. 23. 5. and ſaid, *That the Lord did remember the Kindneſs of his Youth.*

His Patience under his Bodily Infirmities, was very remarkable, and as a good Chriſtian he made the beſt uſe of them, ſaying, *That the Furnace of Affliction was of good uſe to purge away the Droſs and Earthy Part in us: And thus did he not feel and witneſs*

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an inward Power from the Lord, to ſupport him, he could not ſubſiſt under his Pains, they were ſo great; eſpecially that of the *Stone*, which continued with him to his end; yet he was not remembred to have uttered an unſavory Word, or impatiently to cry out; and when the extremity of his Fits were over, he would expreſs his inward Joy and Peace that he had with the Lord.

He would many times ſay, *That many of our Ancient Friends were gone to their Long Home, and we are making haſt after them*; *Thus* (ſaid he) *they ſtep away before me, and leave me behind, and I that would go, cannot*; *well, it will be my turn ſoon*; in which he ſeem'd to rejoyce: He finiſhed his Courſe the 26th Day of the 2d Month, 1699. in the 82d Year of his Age. And was buried at Friends Burial-Ground in *Sewel, Bedfordſhire.*

Of a Young Woman about Twenty Years of Age.

Sarah Beckwith, Daughter of *Marmduke Beckwith*, of *Audbrough*, near *Masham* in *Yorkshire*, was from a Child Sober and Grave in her Deportment, not addicted to light and needless Words, but behaved her self as one that was watchful, lest she should offend the Lord; or be an evil Example unto others. She was Obedient to her Parents, and tenderly Affectionate unto others. One sincerely devoted to serve the Lord, and seek his kingdom, and the Righteousness thereof. She sought Retirement, and when her Business was over, would walk alone in the Fields and other Places, where she did seek the Lord, and would sing Praises to him, when she thought no Body did see or hear her.

She in her Sickness was much troubled with Shortness of Breath, and did often Pray to the Lord, to enable

enable her to praise him while she lived.

About five Days before her Decease, having some Ease, she desired to be raised up in her Bed, and did speak largely of the tender Dealings of God with her, desiring those who were Young, to prize their Time; not knowing how few their Days might be; for, said she, many are the Temptations of the Enemy, specially to Youth, presuming length of Days, and perswading them that it is soon enough to trouble themselves with such a Concern; for so he would have perswaded me: and many ways was I tempted, which caused such Exercises, that I was brought nigh to Despair; and I sought the Lord Night and Day, no Ear heard me, but the Lord alone, who heard my Call, and afterwards gave me some Comfortable Assurance of my Salvation: But the Enemy hath been very Busie, and has sorely hurried me since I began with this Illness. Afterwards she prayed, O Lord, give me full Assurance of my Salvation, before I depart hence.

hence! O Lord, let not thy Dif-ſemper overcome my Senſes, till I come to a full Injoyment! I pray thee, let not my Deſires ceaſe, till thou anſwer the Deſires of my Heart; and let nothing quench thy Love. And the Lord anſwered her Cries, and cauſed her Cup to overflow, ſo that ſhe ſung heavenly Praiſes to the God of her Salvation. She gave tender Advice to her Siſters, and deſired them to *Love and Fear the Lord above all, and keep in the Truth*; ſaying, *Oh! preſs after it, to feel the Virtue of it in your own Hearts; and when you are in it, keep in it, and under the Government of it; and head not to Deck your ſelves, but be meek and low; None ought to Pride themſelves in any Endowment, either Beauty, or any other thing; becauſe it is not theirs, but the Lord's who gave it them, and can take it away when he pleaſeth*; ſaying, What is all now to me? She alſo ſpoke of the Condition of ſome who were grown Careleſs, and were gotten

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into Liberty, such were ill Examples to those that are coming up. And said, *there were many who professed Truth, that knew little what Truth is*: So she said, *It did not consist only in coming to Meetings, and wearing Plain Apparel, and the like, unless they come to feel the Operation of Truth in their own Hearts; for all such outward Appearances will stand in no stead, without the Love of God be Inwardly felt and enjoy'd. It is an easie thing to come to Meetings; and some are ready to think that doing so, and behaving themselves soberly, is sufficient; but the Lord seeth at all times, and he will have no such Mockery.* **I bless God, I have not been Guilty of seeming what I was not.**

Her Love was great to Faithful Friends, and much Desired their Company, and wonderfully prized the Love and Mercies of God, saying, *It is not for my Deserts, for I had nothing to engage the Lord with, but it is his free Love to me.* And she said, *There was Man's Righteousness,*

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and the Righteousness of God; but Man's Righteousness must be rent off, and Man covered with the Righteousness of Christ Jesus, who said, I lead in the Way of Righteousness, in the midst of the Paths of Judgment, that I may cause those that Love me to inherit Substance. And speaking of the Way of Truth, she said it was a *strait and narrow Way, and not to be kept in without a daily Watch,* with more; she said, *But altho' a strait Way, yet it is a pleasant Path, and delightsome. Oh! here is Peace in Abundance; it is so sweet, I could delight always to enjoy it, and to live therein; Gold is not worthy to be compared to it.* And thus continued, taken up with Heavenly Thoughts, saying, *Lord, give me fully to drink of the Well of Water that is within the Gate, for thou hast raised my Heart, and I am overcome with thy Love: O! I long, I long.* O Lord, open thou the Windows of Heaven, and pour of Thy Blessings into my Soul, until there be not

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room to Receive, that I may Bless and Praise thy Name.

Her end drawing nearer, she prayed the Lord to give her an Easie Passage; and taking her leave of her Sister *Hannah*, said, *If she was worse, some should call*; and taking her by the Hand, said, *Dear Sister, thou hast been near and dear to me, and careful of me, the Lord requite thee, and be near to thee, when thou com'st to lie on thy dying-Bed.* So near Morning, her Distemper growing upon her, she said, *I am as sensible as any of you, and I am well content to die; I have no doubt of my Salvation:* With many more good Expressions, which could not perfectly be understood, her Voice being low; but sensible to the last, saying, within a very little time of drawing her last Breath, Lord, take me away; Lord, take me away: And presently after gently and comfortably passed out of this World, to live for ever in the World which hath no end. She departed this Life the 24th of the 9th Month, 1691.

John

John Burnyeat, was Born in the Parish of *Lows-water*, in the County of *Cumberland*, about the Year, 1631. And when it pleased God to send his Faithful Servant, *George Fox*, with other of the Messengers of the Gospel of Peace and Salvation, to Proclaim the Day of the Lord in the County of *Cumberland*, and North Parts of *England*, this dear Servant of Christ, was one that received their Testimony, which was in the Year, 1653. when he was about twenty two Years of Age: And through his waiting in the Light of Christ Jesus, unto which he was turned, he was brought into *deep Judgment*, and great *Tribulation of Soul*, such as he had not known in all his Profession of Religion; and by this Light of Christ, was manifested all the reproved Things; and so he came to see the Body of Death, and Power of Sin which had reigned in him, and felt the Guilt thereof upon his Conscience, so that he did possess the Sins of his Youth: Then, said he, I saw

that I had need of a Saviour to save from Sin, as well as the Blood of a sacrificed Christ to blot out Sin, and Faith in his Name for the Remission of Sins; *and so being given up to bear the Indignation of the Lord, because of Sin, and wait till the Indignation should be over, and the Lord in Mercy would blot out the Guilt that remained (which was the Cause of Wrath) and sprinkle my Heart from an evil Conscience, and wash our Bodies with pure Water, that we might draw near to him with a true Heart in the full Assurance of Faith, as the Christians of old did,* Heb. 10.22. Thus did this Servant of the Lord, with many more in the beginning, receive the Truth (as more at large may be seen in the Journal of his Life,) in much Fear and Trembling, meeting often together, and seeking the Lord Night and Day, until the Promises of the Lord came to be fulfilled, spoken of by the Prophet [illegible], Chap. 42.7. and 49.9. and 61.3. some taste of the Oil of Joy [illegible] to be witnessed, and a heaven-

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ly Gladneſs extended into the Hearts of many, who in the Joy of their Souls, broke forth in Praiſes unto the Lord, ſo that the Tongue of the Dumb (which Chriſt the Healer of our Infirmities did unlooſe) *began to ſpeak and utter the wonderful Things of God.* And great was the Dread and Glory of that Power, that one Meeting after another, was graciouſly and Richly manifeſted amongſt them, to the breaking and melting many Hearts before the Lord. Thus being taught of the Lord, according to *Iſa.* 54. 13. *John* 6. 45. they became able Miniſters of the Goſpel, and Inſtructors of the Ignorant in the Way of Truth, as this our Friend was one; who after four Years waiting moſtly in Silence, before he did appear in a publick Teſtimony. Which was in the Year 1657. being at firſt concerned to go to divers publick Places of Wo[illegible] Reproving both Prieſts and Pe[illegible] for their Deadneſs and Formality [illegible] Worſhip, for which he endured ſore

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Beating with their Staves and Bibles, *&c.* and Impriſonment alſo in *Carliſle*-Goal, where he ſuffer'd 23 Weeks Impriſonment for ſpeaking to one Prieſt *Denton* at *Briggham*. After he was at Liberty, he went into *Scotland*, in the Year, 1658. where he ſpent 3 Months, travelling both North and Weſt: His Work was to call People to *Repentance from their Liſeleſs Hypocritical Profeſſion, and dead Formalities, and to turn to the true Light of Chriſt Jeſus in their Hearts, that therein they might come to know the Power of God, and the Remiſſion of Sins*, &c. And in the Year, 1659. he travelled to *Ireland*, and preached the *Truth* and *true Faith of Jeſus* in many Parts of that Nation. About the 7th Month, 1659. he met with *Robert Lodge*, a Miniſter, concerned in the ſame Work, with whom he joined, and they labour'd together in that Nation twelve Months, in the Work of the Goſpel; and return'd to *Cumberland* the 7th Month, 1660. And in the

Year, 1662. he travell'd to *London*, where he met with *G. Fox*, *R. Hubberthorne*, and *E. Burroughs*; and in his returning home thro' *Yorkshire*, at *Rippon* he was committed to Prison, and kept fourteen Weeks, for visiting the Friends Prisoners there, and exhorting them. After he was discharged of that Imprisonment, he returned home, where he abode, except visiting Friends in Adjacent Counties, till the beginning of Summer, 1664. He took Shipping for *Ireland*, and visited most Meetings in that Nation: And from thence embarqued for *Barbadoes*, in order to his Journey into *America*, which had lain before him for four Years past; and from *Galway* he arrived at *Barbadoes*, after seven Weeks sailing, and stayed three or four Months there, and had great Service, and much Exercise also, occasioned by the Imaginations of *John Perrot*, that fleshly Liberty he had led many into, not only there, but in *Virginia*, and other Places: From whence he went

went to *Maryland*, about the 2d Month, 1665. afterwards to *Virginia*, Labouring in the Work of the Goſpel, and in the 4th Month, 1666. came to *New-York*, ſo to *Rhoad-Iſland*, *New-England*, and *Long-Iſland*, till the 2d Month, 1667. He arrived again in *Barbadoes*, and ſpent that Summer there; and in the 7th Month of the ſame Year, arrived at *Milford-Haven* in *England*, and Labour'd much in the Goſpel in this Nation, from the time of his Arrival from *America*, till the latter end of the Year, 1666. that he did ſpend that Winter among Friends in *Ireland*, and return'd to *London* in the Year, 1670. and in the 5th Month embarqued for *Barbadoes* again, in Company with *William Simpſon*, who died in Peace with the Lord in that *Iſland*, from thence he went to *New-York*, *Long-Iſland*, *Rhoad-Iſland*, and *New-England*, and afterwards to *Virginia*, and *Maryland*, where he met *George Fox*, and ſeveral Brethren, juſt come from *Jamaica*; afterwards, having

spent much time and labour up and down in *America*, till the 25th of the 2d Month, 1673. they came from the Capes of *Virginia*, and arrived at *Gallaway* in *Ireland*, the 24th of the 3d Month, and to the Yearly-Meeting at *London*, in 1674. and from that time he continued in this Nation, Labouring among the Churches, until the 8th Month, 1684. he went to *Ireland* again, and tarry'd there till the 6th Month, 1684. then he came into *Cumberland*, and so to *Scotland*, and into the North Parts of *England* again, visiting the Meetings of Friends, and so returned to *Ireland*, the 25th of the first Month, 1685. where he tarry'd till he departed this Life.

In the Latter Part of his Life he took a Wife in *Ireland*, and hath one Son, who is yet Living; and after the Death of his Wife, he had some Intentions to go for *England*, about the Year, 1688. But seeing the Troubles and Wars in *Ireland* coming on, and that many Afflicti-

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ons would attend Friends in that Nation; and People being poſſeſſed with Fears, fled for *England*; but our dear Friend, tho' he had Opportunity, had no Freedom to go, but gave himſelf up to ſtay with Friends there, and bear a part of the Sufferings that might attend them; in which time he was a Precious Inſtrument in the Lord's Hand, Able and Skilful in the Miniſtry, for the Comforting of his People; for he was a *Cheerful Encourager of them, a Dear Friend, and True Brother; a Diligent Overſeer, and Tender Father; a Perfect and Upright Man in his Day*; and having been at a *Province-Meeting*, at *Roſean-Allies*, where he did bear a Living Teſtimony, to the Comfort of Friends; from whence he went to *Montrath* and *Balinakill*, and ſo to a Monthly-Meeting at *New-Garden*; after Meeting he came home with *John Watſon*, and feeling himſelf not well, took his Bed, and was viſited with a Feaver, and

continued Sick Twelve Days; all which time he was preserved in his Senses, and in a Sweet Frame of Spirit, did often say, *He was free at Ease, and Quiet in his Spirit, and the Lord did attend him with his heavenly Power and Presence. To his Comfort, and the Satisfaction of them about him.* He said, *That he ever loved the Lord, and the Lord loved him from his Youth.*

And so peaceably departed this Life, on the 11th Day of the 7th Month, 1690, and was decently buried at *New-Garden*, the 14th of the same.

Convinc'd at the Age of 22
A Labourer in the Gospel 33 } Years.
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HEnry Haydock, of Warrington, in the County of Lancaster, was a faithful Man in Life and Converſation; and walked as becometh the Bleſſed Truth, which he made Profeſſion of.

When he was upon his Dying-Bed, and in outward Appearance nigh gone, the Lord, who is the God of the Living, did raiſe him up by his Divine Power, to the Admiration of thoſe preſent, to bear a Living Teſtimony for him, which was on this wiſe, *viz.*

Friends, I was never a Publick Preacher in all my Life; but now, by the Power of God, I am one at my Death, Glory be to God for evermore, who hath the Life and Breath of all Men in his Hand, and can lengthen at his Pleaſure; who knows how to diſpoſe of us: Therefore, Friends, be you all Faithful to the Lord, for Great Things will the Lord bring to paſs for his People, who are true in their Hearts to the Lord; for ſuch as ſerve God Faithfully, they ſhall have a living Re-

ward from him, and their Rest shall be with the Lord Jesus Christ; which Rest my Soul is already entered into, and is set down with God in the Paradice of his Pleasure, taking its Repose with God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ, and all the Holy Men of God, since the Foundation of the World; and tho' my Body go down to the Earth, yet my Soul and Spirit shall have its Residence with the living God in Heaven, where they who are Unfaithful to the Lord, cannot come; For, said he, I was well nigh my last Breath, but the Lord loosed my Tongue, that I might declare of his Goodness. Again, he said, The Lord in my Youthful Days did put his living Word in my Heart; and though I have been by some looked upon as a stripling, and as one that knew not much of the Things of God; yet my Soul hath had many sweet Seasons and Opportunities. Again, he said, I have a very Good Wife, Faithful and Loving to me, and three sweet Children; call them, that I may kiss them before I die; for my time here will not be long: So they brought

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one of his Daughters to him, he said, *Thou art* Elizabeth, *my youngest Daughter*, and kissed her many times, and said, *Silver and Gold I have not much to leave thee; Thou hast hitherto been a good Child: The Blessings of the Living God rest upon thee, and the Blessing of me thy Dying Father, be with thee also:* So then he took his Son, and said, *Thou art* Roger, *my sweet Son, in thee have I taken great Delight; yet now thy Father is about to take his last Breath; and that which I desire of the Lord, is, that he will Bless thee and thy two Sisters, and Bless you all, that you may keep up my Name, and live as your Father hath done; tho' I have not filled up the Number of many Years; yet I, thy Father,* do witness Peace with God: And with that, being pretty much spent, said, *The Lord Bless thee, my Son, and thy two Sisters: The Blessing of your Father be with you all;* and so kissed him many times, and let him go: Then called for his Daughter *Alice*, and said, *Thou art* Alice, *my first Born, and I*

love thee well, it hath been Real and True; and tho' some Men can shew it more, yet I love you all well, and I hope the Lord's Care will be over you, when I am dead and gone; and I believe you will not want. Alice, (said he) *Kiss me, for thou must never Kiss me more:* So clasping her in his Arms, kissed her, and *bid her Farewel.* And then said, *I have now made an end of what lay upon my Mind; therefore Everlasting Living Pure Invisible God, into thy Hand of Power I recommend my Soul;* and so lay still and quiet, till a little before his Departure, when the very Pangs of Death seized on him; then was his Sighings many, yet had some savour of Life in them; after he lay still, and very quiet, rejoycing in his Spirit, and said, *My Soul doth magnifie the Lord, and my Spirit Rejoyceth in God my Saviour, who hath saved me from Sin; But what shall I say to the Rebellious? if they will serve the Devil, they will have a bad Portion in the end.* And he said, *The there may some of all Persuasions find Salvation,*

them; yet that People, in Scorn called Quakers, who are really Faithful to God, are satisfied in God, and they know Salvation to their immortal Souls, having been Redeemed by Jesus Christ, who is come to save many. And he prayed for his Brother and Sister, saying, *O Lord, thou knowest I have one Brother and Sister, who are not in that Faith, which I am about to lay down my Head in; Lord bring them to it, if it be thy Blessed Will, and Confirm them in the same, that they may Receive that blessed Reward thou hast made my Soul a Witness of.* And said, *So my Strength now failing, as to my outward Man, I once more* **Recommend my Soul into thy Hands, Lord Jesus Christ.**

He departed this Life, the 5th Day of the 4th Month, 1688. Aged about 33 Years.

Thomas

THomas Janney, was Born in Cheshire, and received the blessed Truth, at the first Preaching thereof in that County, which was about the Year 1654. and the twenty first Year of his Life; the next Year he received a Gift for the Ministry, Preached the Gospel of Christ freely, and Travell'd into many Parts of *England* and *Ireland*, and had a fervent and sound Testimony for Truth, and his Conversation and Course of Life did accord with his Doctrine.

In the Year 1683. he transported Himself and Family into *Pensilvania* in *America*, and there settled his Family, where himself staid about 12 Years; and in *Anno* 1695. he came over in Company with his Friend *Griffith*, from *Pensilvania*, to visit his Brethren in *England*: And after he had staid sometime in *London*, he went into *Cheshire*, in the 6th Month of the same Year, where he had many Relations that are faithful Friends; and though they were

were dear to him, and their Houſes might have been his Home, yet he reſted little, but did viſit the Meetings of Friends, in ſeveral Neighbouring Counties. The next Spring he Travell'd through ſeveral Counties where he had been in former Years, and had a deſire to ſee the Brethren at the Yearly Meeting in *London*, and was there at that time. Soon after he was taken ſo Ill (having decayed in his Natural Strength before) that his Recovery was much doubted; and ſome did Adviſe him to go out of the City for the Recovery of his Health; after ſome time, he did Adventure by ſhort Journeys, as, from *London* to *Enfield*, ſo to *Hartford*, from thence to *Hitchin*, where his Diſtemper Increaſing, he could go no further, having a purpoſe to go for *Cheſhire*. At *Hitchin* he lay a conſiderable time, at the Houſe of our Friend *William Turner*, and Friends there were Careful and Tender over him; and he having endured much Hard-

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ship formerly in the Service of Truth, and travelling into several Climates, enduring Heats and Colds: His Body was attended with much Pain, so that few expected his Recovery; and two of his Relations, who were Friends, came from *Cheshire* to *Hitchin*, to visit him; one of them being with him in his Chamber, he said to this effect: *Cousin, I am glad that you are come; I hardly expect to Recover, so as to be able to get into* Cheshire. *It is some Exercise to think of being taken away so far from my Home and Family, and also from my Friends and Relations, in* Cheshire. *I would gladly have got down into* Cheshire, *but I must be content, however it pleases God to order it:—Worse things have happened in this Life to better Men than I am: I shall be missed in* America: *Friends there were troubled when I came away: I have laboured Faithfully amongst them: They will be grieved at the Tidings of my Death: My Family will want me: My Care hath been for my Sons, that they might be kept in the Fear of God, I have*

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been a good Example to them; I have a Care upon me, that they may be kept Humble while they are Young, that they may bend their Necks under the Yoke of Christ: If I am taken away, I am very clear in my Spirit; I have answered the Requirings of God; **I have been faithful in my Day; and I have nothing that troubles my Spirit; my Spirit is very clear.** And he also expressed his Concern for his Brethren of the Ministry, especially the Young, That they might observe the Leadings of God's Spirit in their Ministry; and not lean upon their own Natural Parts, which (he said) *did occasion divers Inconveniences*; of which he spoke particularly in the time of his Sickness; yet after this, the Lord answered his desire, that he recovered, so as to be able to get down into *Cheshire*, to his Relations there, and did get abroad to some Meetings that Winter, but yet weakly in Body; and towards the Spring, made Preparation to have got home, to his Family in *Pensil-*

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vania; but before the Ship ſet Sail, his Diſtemper (which had not left him) returned ſore upon him: So he got to his Siſters, near where he was Born; his Siſter ſpoke ſomething to him of his Family, but he ſaid little, only theſe Words, *If it be the Will of God, that I be taken away now, I am well content*; which was the moſt he ſaid in his laſt Illneſs, ſave to a Friend concerning his Burial.

He departed in much Quietneſs of Mind, the 12th of the 12th Month, 1696. and was Buried the 15th of the ſame, in Friends Burying Place in *Cheſhire*, Aged 63 Years.

Received Truth the 21ſt Year of his Life.

A Publick Miniſter 42 Years.

Henry

HEnry Stout, late of *Hartford*, Born at *Ware*, in the County of *Hartford*, in the Year 1631. and was Convinced of the Bleſſed Truth by the Miniſtry of a Woman, in the Year 1655. being then about the 24th Year of his Age; at which time ſome of the People called Quakers came into that part of the Country; concerning whom he had heard Evil Reports; and that they denyed the Scriptures; which had prejudiced his Mind againſt them: But it ſo happened, that there came a Woman, called a Quaker, and Preached in *Ware-Market*; and afterwards a Rude Rabble followed her down the Street; and he ſeeing them, followed her alſo, in Pity towards her, and to reſcue her from them; but ſhe turned into a Houſe, where there was a Meeting, and a Man was ſpeaking there, called a Quaker, unto whom he liſtned, and heard him ſpeak much Scripture, although he did not name Chapter and Verſe, at which he wondered, becauſe he had

had heard that they deny'd the Scripture; but after he thus lent an Ear, the Woman ſtood up, and ſpake, and ſuch a Power did attend her Miniſtry, that his Spirit was much broken, and Aſtoniſhment ſeized on him; and he ſaw others alſo with Paleneſs of Face, and they ſmote their Hands: This brought great Fear upon him, leſt he ſhould be deceived: Yet was afraid alſo, that he ſhould offend God, and reſiſt the Day of his Viſitation: This brought great Sorrow upon him for a time, he not being able to diſtinguiſh; but afterwards, going to another Meeting, he heard another Woman, by whoſe Preaching his Convincement was Increaſed; and he was ſo confirmed, that he could ſet to his Seal, that it was the very Truth, which had long been vailed in him; but now, by the Preaching of the Goſpel was revealed, and could ſay, *Chriſt was come, and he looked not for another*; and it was confirmed by the work that was wrought

wrought both within and without; first within, the Eye which had been shut, was now opened; and the Ear that had been deaf, did now hear; and the Mouth of the Dumb could Speak; and the Lame could Walk; and the Mysteries of the Kingdom of God was known, which before were in Parables: And he searched the Holy Scriptures, and found that it was the good Old Way, though New to him and others; and the Scriptures were opened by the Spirit that gave them forth; and a Witness for God he had in himself, according to the Scriptures, *John* 1. 5, 10. *He that believes, hath the Witness in himself*: Then he took up the Cross and denyed himself, and so became a gazing Stock to the World (as the Lord's People were in those Days, as well as in former Ages) and soon after he was moved of the Lord to go to the Publick Places of Worship, to Declare against them, and to Preach the Truth: Then Persecution and Sufferings soon followed;

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for many and various were the Tryals and Exerciſes which the Lord's People went through in their Day. He was the firſt called a Quaker that ſuffered Impriſonment in *Hartford* Goal, for the Teſtimony to the Truth, where his Sufferings were great, the Priſon Windows being ſhut, that he might not have the benefit of the Air, or the Light of the Day. And after he was releaſed of that Impriſonment, he was a Priſoner five times more in that Town of *Hartford*; the laſt time he was Sentenced for Baniſhment; and continued a Priſoner near Eight Years, to the great Detriment of his Health, being often put into the Common-Goal; which Tryals the Lord did carry him through with much Patience, Contentedneſs and Quietneſs of Mind, being given up to the Will of God.

He was a Serviceable Man in many reſpects, and willing to do what Offices of Love he could for any: He travell'd pretty much in the Service of

Truth

Truth in his younger Years, whilſt he had Strength of Body; but ſometime before his Death, Diſtempers grew, and Weakneſs increaſed upon him, which made him uncapable of being much from Home.

The laſt four Months before his Death, he went little abroad, but grew weaker and weaker; the which his Wife perceiving, did much importune him to adviſe with ſome Doctor; but he anſwered her thus: *I would not have thee confide too much in Doctors, for they will all prove Phyſitians of no Value to me: I thank God, I know that Power which in former Ages raiſed the Dead, and healed all Diſeaſes; and if it is the Will of God, he can reſtore and heal me; if not, I am ſatisfied, his Will be done.*

His greateſt Infirmity was a ſtoppage at his Stomach, and ſhortneſs of Breath, which often brought Faintings upon him; but he bore all with great Patience; And when ſome Friends came to viſit him, he told them, *his Weakneſs was ſuch, that he thought*

thought he ſhould hardly recover it: But however it pleaſed God to order it, he was fully ſatisfied: For he had this Teſtimony, that he had ſerved the Lord with Faithfulneſs, and with an Upright Heart, to the beſt of his Knowledge; with more to that effect, which cannot be well remembred: And at another time, to a Friend that came to ſee him, he ſaid, *There is none that knows the Vertue and Goodneſs of Truth, ſo well as when they draw towards their latter End, when all outward Comforts fail and are leaving of them, and Sickneſs and Weakneſs comes upon them.* He further ſaid, *That he had Travelled in the Service of Truth in former Years, when he had Strength of Body; and the Lord had given him many living Teſtimonies to bear for his Name; in all which he was Faithful, and the remembrance of it warmed his Heart at that time; for he could ſay, That his Care was, not to ſpeak more than what the Lord gave him to ſpeak, that thereby his Name might be Honoured*: And many times, and upon ſeveral

several occasions, he so expressed himself, as did fully manifest that true Satisfaction and Peace he had with the Lord; often desiring, *to be dissolved, that he might go home to his Rest*: And the Lord's Love and gentle Dealing appeared very large towards him, in giving him many times Ease of Body, and Comfortable Seasons of Refreshment; and he generally rested well in the Night, till about a Week before his Death. The Sense of it would often make him break forth into Praises and Thanksgiving to the Lord, for his Goodness and Mercy to him in the Night-Season: When he awaked out of his Sleep, and when his Sleep was taken from him, yet he continued Quiet, Patient and Sensible to the last Moment: And when his Wife saw that he slept little, and took little, hardly enough to keep him alive, she was full of Grief; which he perceiving said to her, *Thou must give me up, for I shall not long continue here: But it will not be long before thou and I shall meet again,*

again in that blessed State, where all Tears shall be wiped from our Eyes.
He kept his Bed but four Days, and the Day before his Death, his Children being by him, he said to them, *You, who are like to enjoy what I leave, I would have you remember the Advice of your Old Father, when I am gone, and live in the Fear of God, and as it becomes the Truth; then you will be as Monuments, when I am gone, and it will go well with you, and what I leave will be a Blessing to you: And beware of Earthly Mindedness, and Pride and Prodigality, which is a dishonour to any Family; and bring up your Children in Plainness, and not in the Fashions and Superfluities of the World, which passeth away. Remember my Advice, who speak to you in Love; for Woe will be to the Wicked: I would say more to you, but my Strength faileth.*

The Day he died, he spake little, but lay as if he slept; but sometimes Fainting Fits would come, that it was thought he would have gone away in one of them: But he did

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not, but fell into a Slumbering; and when he awaked, he desired to be turned on the other side; and then he stretched out his Hands and Feet, and said, *Now I am going to the Lord*; which was the last Words he spake: And so departed in Peace, without so much as a Groan or Sigh.

Thus he finished his Course, and laid down his Body, the 6th of the 10th Month, 1695. and in the 65th Year of his Age.

Thomas Aldam, of *Warnsworth*, in *Yorkshire*, Received the glad Tidings of the Gospel of Life and Salvation very early (viz. in the Year 1651.) by the Preaching of that Eminent, Faithful Servant of Christ Jesus, *George Fox*, soon after G. Fox was delivered out of the Dungeon in *Derby* Prison; at which time this *Thomas Aldam*, *John Killam*, *Thomas Killam*, *Richard Farnsworth*,

Thomas Goodyear, and ſeveral others of Note, did receive the Truth; and many Sufferings, Beatings, Reproaches, Spoiling of Goods, and Impriſonments, he endured for Chriſt's ſake, and the Goſpels, being often concerned to go into Market-Places, and Publick Places of Worſhip, bearing Teſtimony againſt the Wickedneſs of the World, and againſt ſuch Teachers and Leaders as cauſed them to Err, through Lightneſs, Pride and Covetouſneſs.

Before he was Convinced, he was a great follower of the Prieſts and Teachers of thoſe times, but his hungring and thirſty Soul not being ſatisfied amongſt them, he left them, and waited as alone, until it pleaſed the Lord to ſend his Servant, *G. F.* as aforeſaid, into thoſe Parts of the Country. And he having received the Truth, was Valiant for the ſame upon Earth, and gave up his Strength and Subſtance to ſerve the Lord: He was very Zealous, and Fervent in Spirit, ſevere againſt Evil, but tender

tender to the leaſt Appearance of that which was Good, watching over his Children in the Fear of God; given to Charity, and to do good to all.

He was one of the firſt called a Quaker, who was Impriſoned in *York*-Caſtle upon that account, in the Year 1652. It was for going to *Warnſworth Steeple-Houſe*, and ſpeaking to *Thomas Rookbey*, Prieſt of that Place, who procur'd his Impriſonment at *York*, as aboveſaid, where he was kept two Years and ſix Months, ſo cloſe, that he was not ſuffered once to come Home, nor ſee any of his Children; and ſometimes not permitted to ſee his Wife and Relations when they went to viſit him.

He was alſo fined during his Impriſonment 40 *l.* at the Aſſize, for appearing before the Judge with his Hat on his Head, and ſpeaking Thee and Thou to him,

And alſo during the aforeſaid Impriſonment, his Adverſary, *Rookbey*, the Prieſt, and one *Vincent*, an Im-

propriator, Sued him at the Law, for Treble Damages, and they made Spoil of his Goods, to the Value of 42 *l.* not leaving one Cow to give Milk for his Young Children and Family; thus he ſuffered for his faithful Teſtimony to the Coming of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt in the Fleſh, and for his free Miniſtry; at other times alſo he ſuffered the Loſs of Goods, for his Teſtimony to the Truth.

And as he had been a Sufferer himſelf, ſo he had a tender Sympathy for the Lord's People, his Brethren, who were Sufferers for the Truth; and would go oftentimes to *Oliver Cromwell*, and others the Rulers of thoſe times, and lay the Sufferings of Friends before them.

And he alſo Travelled into *Scotland* and *Ireland*, and went to the Chief Rulers there upon the ſame Accout.

And he went to all, or moſt of the Priſons in *England*, where there were any of the People called *Quakers*, to take a perfect Account of their

their Sufferings, that he might be the more capable to Advocate their Caſes before the Government, being ready at Aſſizes, Seſſions, or elſewhere, to plead the Cauſe of God's People.

He had a tender Regard to Love and Unity among Brethren, bearing good eſteem in his Mind, for ſuch as laboured in the Goſpel.

And when he was about to undertake any Journey upon Truth's Account, he would call his Family together, and in much Humility pour out his Supplication to God to preſerve them.

And after thus having ſerv'd his Generation in Faithfulneſs, he was viſited with Sickneſs, in which time he ſet his Houſe in Order; and in the time of his Weakneſs, the Lord was good unto him, and eminently appeared with him, ſo that he ſaid to his Siſter, near his latter end, *That he found his Strength ſo renewed, that he believed he could get to* London; *if the Lord required it*: But he anſwered

again, *I am clear of the Blood of all Men: I find nothing to this Man*; meaning King *Charles* II. (then lately reſtored to his Kingdom.)

He was very Senſible of his latter End: And the Day he died, called for his Children, and exhorted them to *Live in the Fear of God, and to Love and Obey their Mother:* And ſo being freely Reſigned into the Hands of God, his Creator, departed this Life in the 4th Month, 1660.

His Wife, *Mary Aldam*, ſurvived him but three Months. She was a Woman fearing God, and ſerv'd him in her Generation; and in all the Exerciſes which her Husband paſs'd through, in thoſe early Days, ſhe never was heard to Grudge or Repine, but was given up in all things to God's Diſpoſing. Her Remembrance is Sweet, and her Name to be Recorded amongſt the Faithful of God's People: She received Truth by the Miniſtry of *G. Fox*, at the ſame time her Husband did, and bore Teſti-

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mony to the ſame Truth, according to her meaſure.

He had alſo two Siſters, Faithful Women.

Margaret Kellam, who was convinced at the ſame time, (*viz.* 1651.) travelled much in Truth's Service in the Breaking forth thereof, and many were Convinced by her. She alſo ſuffered Impriſonment for the ſame at *Exon*, *Devon*, *York*, *Banbury*: And great was the Courage that did attend her in Preaching Truth in the Streets, Markets, and Publick Places of Worſhip, and to the Rulers of the People; and the Lord was with her. She finiſhed her Courſe in Faith, ſignifying before her departure, *the great Peace ſhe enjoyed with the Lord, and the Clearneſs of Conſcience ſhe had before him*; And departed this Life in the Year, 1672.

Joan Kellam, was also a Woman that truly feared God, and a good Example where she dwelt: She was of Sound Judgment, and well Experienced in the Work of the Lord; Zealous for his Honour, and Faithful to the Testimony of Truth; an Incourager of Vertue, and watching over the Young, and an Instructor of them in the right Way of the Lord; and could speak a Word in due season to an afflicted Soul, having passed through many States, and seen the Wonders and Goodness of the Lord therein; and was as a Mother in *Israel*. In the time of her Sickness, she was well disposed, and gave good Advice to them she left behind her, that they might persevere in Faithfulness, to the finishing of that Work, which the Lord had for them to do. So departed this Life in the Year, 1681.

Sarah

SArah Brown, Wife of Capt. Brown of Leiceſterſhire, and Mother to Samuel Brown, Phyſitian, now Living in the Town of Leiceſter, was one who did, in her Young Years, fervently and ſincerely ſeek the Lord, and frequented the Aſſemblies of the beſt ſort of People in that Day, called Puritans; afterwards ſhe joyned her ſelf to the Baptiſts, among whom ſhe walked Inoffenſively.

But when it pleaſed God to raiſe up his People, called Quakers, in the Northern Parts of this Nation, and gave ſome of them Commiſſion to Publiſh the way of Life and Salvation, ſhe received their Teſtimony with great Joy and Thankfulneſs to the Lord, and was a Nurſing-Mother among that People. And her Husband, at her Requeſt, gave up his Houſe for Friends to keep Meetings in, (even at the Breaking forth of Truth in that Day) and ſhe counted nothing too dear to part with for Truths ſake; and was a good Example in Converſation, in Temperance,

rance, Meekneſs, and Chaſtity, towards thoſe with whom ſhe was Concerned: A true Wife, and a tender Mother, a loving Relation, and a good Neighbour, and firm Friend; She had a Word of Comfort in due ſeaſon to many, when in Afflictions; ſhe loved to viſit the Widow and the Fatherleſs, the Priſoners and the Houſe of Mourning! and to feed the Hungry, and cloath the Naked, and to waſh the Saints Feet. She ſuffered Impriſonment, and ſpoiling of Goods, for the Truth's ſake; counting all as Droſs and Dung, that ſhe might win Chriſt.

When Death came, ſhe received it with Contentedneſs, being given up to God's good Will and Pleaſure. She lived to Old Age. A Friend viſiting her, in her laſt Sickneſs, ſaid to her, The Lord hath ſent his Meſſenger, (meaning, that her End was at hand) She made anſwer, *He is come*; and deſired the Lord to give her an eaſie Paſſage. She was firſt taken Ill in the Night, with a violent

ſent Pain in her Legs; her Son *Samuel Brown* being preſently called, ſhe pray'd to the Lord, *to mitigate the Violence of her Pain, and to give her Strength to bear his Hand with Patience.* Her Son was much grieved for her; which, ſhe perceiving, ſaid *Child, do not do ſo; Rejoyce, and be glad, for thou haſt no other Cauſe; thou haſt been a Dutiful and Loving Son to me, even to the full:* And the Lord anſwered her Prayer; and in a ſhort time, took away the Violence of her Pain: And ſhe Praiſed the Lord, and Bleſſed his Name, for his Mercies and Goodneſs. Speaking of his great Mercy and Favour to her, all her Life long; to the great Comfort of her Children about her: And bleſſed her Son, ſaying, *The Lord bleſs Thee and Thine, for thy Love and Duty to me; for I do rejoyce, that thou waſt born unto me.* Alſo to her Son's Wife, ſhe ſaid, *Daughter, thou didſt promiſe to take Care of me, when Weakneſs ſhould approach, and now thou art as good as thy Word: The Lord bleſs Thee and Thine, for all*

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your Love to me. And in the Senſe of the Love of the Lord to her, ſhe prayed; *O Lord, Guide thy poor Hand-maid, into thy Everlaſting Kingdom, where I may ſing Hallelujahs to thee for Ever.*

She gave order, two Days before her Departure, (being Sick but ſix Days) to be buried at *Leiceſter*; by her Grand-Children; and ſo died in a good Old Age, at her Son *Samuel Brewes* at *Leiceſter*, on the 30th of the Ninth Month, 1693. Aged 83 Years.

William Walker, an Inhabitant in *Penſilvania*, Born in *Yorkſhire*, but Convinced in *Penſilvania*, was one who did bear a Living Teſtimony to the Truth of God, in the Aſſemblies of his People. He came over to viſit his Friends and Brethren in *England* about the latter end of the Year 1693. in Company with other Friends from thoſe parts, which

which was about the time *G. Keith* came over from *America*. And this our Friend did often expreſs his great Sorrow for *G. K.* and the ſore Exerciſe and Trouble he gave to Friends in *America*, by his Contention and Jangling; and he had a Teſtimony againſt that Spirit but a few Days before he died, *That God would Judge it.*

After he had viſited Friends about *London*, he went into ſeveral Counties, and alſo into *Wales*, and returned to *London*, in order to be at the Yearly-Meeting in *London*, 1694. A little before which time, he was taken Sick there, and Endeavours was uſed for his Recovery, but they proved inſucceſsful. In the time of his Sickneſs, he was often fill'd with the Love and Power of God in his Soul, to the Comfort of thoſe preſent. Obſerving ſome to Weep, he ſaid, *Weep not, dear Hearts, leſt you trouble me.* Afterwards, he ſaid, *O the Goodneſs of the Lord!* And lifting up his Hands, ſaid, *Lord, Thou art alto[illegible]*

able to do Wonderful Things! Thou shalt be my Physician.—O the Wonders of the Lord! What have I seen of the Transcendent Glory! Tho' I see but a little, yet 'tis Admirable Glory. Again, he said, *The Old Enemy would have had me let go my hold; but I said, I have an Interest in thee, and I will hold thee, Lord.* Those about him being desirous he might Recover; he said, *Nay I have no Promise of Life.* Speaking of Christ, he said, *I can see him; his Arm is open to receive me.* After some time, he said, *The Lord is a Physician indeed, a Physician of Value.* Another time he said, *We must all Double our Diligence.* And lying another time, in a still Frame of Mind, did sing forth in sweet Melody; *viz. His Compassion fails not, He waits to be Gracious: Oh the Wonders of the Lord! the Wonders of the Lord in the Deep.* Another time, he said, *My Faith is stedfast in the Dear Son of God; that although I am under great Weakness and Afflictions; yet in the Strength of my Father's Love, I shall be*

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enabled to ſtand againſt the Miſts of Darkneſs: The Enemy would fain unpin my Faith; God's People are always preſerved, while they wait ſtill at home.— O Lord Jeſus Chriſt! I'll hold thee faſt; Thy Compaſſion fails not. O ſweet Jeſus Chriſt, I have great Cauſe to hold thee faſt. O ſweeten Death unto me! O thy ſweet Preſence! For in it there is Life: O Lord, give me Strength; I will not let thee go: Thou haſt regard to them that fear thee; Thy Compaſſion fails not; thou art at my right Hand to uphold me, O my Saviour! Thou art at my right hand, to ſave me; Thy Compaſſion fails not, O Lord. Afterwards he ſaid, *O Lord Jeſus! Come, ſweet Jeſus, I long for thee; Now Death is pleaſant.* His *Wife's Siſter* being by him, he ſaid *Fear the Lord God.* She ſaid, *Would'ſt thou any thing to thy Wife?* He anſwered, *My dear and tender Love in the Lord Jeſus unto her, and to all my dear Friends every where, and that you may double your Diligence, to your Soul's Comfort, the Days you have here. My dear Love to our Dear Friends in*

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America, *where I have been ſweetly Refreſhed, and had many good Meetings among them.* After a little repoſe, he ſaid, *O Fountain of Life!* Then ſtopped, and ſpoke again, *I caſt the Care of my dear Wife and Children, if living, upon the Lord; I truſt in him.* After ſome Reſt, he ſaid, *Lord, Jeſus Chriſt, come, receive my poor Soul: Come, O my Soul's Beloved! Come, Lord, I long for thee. Lord Jeſus Chriſt; if there be any Iniquity in me, ſearch it out.*—— Afterwards ſaid, *I feel the Angel of thy Preſence to ſurround me: Come, Lord Jeſus Chriſt, come, come, receive my Soul into thy Boſom.* Again, *Come, Lord Jeſus Chriſt; let me intreat thee, come away, and receive me out of all Sorrow; Come away, my Lord.* After a little time, he ſaid, *I feel the Fountain of Life, my Soul's Beloved is come.* And ſo died in Peace with the Lord, as thoſe then preſent can teſtifie, that he was in a ſweet heavenly Frame of Spirit, when he drew his laſt Breath; which was on the 12th of

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the Fourth Month, 1694. at the Houſe of *John Padley* in *Olaves, Southwark, London.*

Of a Child Eleven Years Old.

Ruth Middleton, Daughter of *Samuel Middleton*, and *Rebecah* his Wife, was viſited with a Conſumption in the 10th Month, 1700. and continued in much Weakneſs of Body, till the 16th of the 5th Month, 1701. During her Sickneſs, theſe Expreſſions, as followeth (among others) were obſerved.

One time, her Mother being much Concerned to part with her, the Child lying ſtill, as if ſhe was in a Slumber, opened her Eyes, and ſaid, *What's the matter? What's the matter? My dear Mother, do not be troubled for me; nor don't Sorrow for me, I ſhall be happy; and it is the Lord's Will that I am thus afflicted; and we muſt be contented: Thou know'ſt that*

Abraham

Abraham *was willing to offer up his only Son* Iſaac; *and thou doſt not know, if thou couldſt freely give me up, but that the Lord might ſpare me a little longer to thee; and if it be his good Pleaſure to take me to himſelf, his holy Name be Bleſſed for ever.* Another time, her Mother ſaid, *How art thou now?* She ſaid, *But indifferent; but I am well ſatisfied; for it is the Will of God that I am thus afflicted.—— Oh! my dear Mother, I would be Glad if thou couldſt freely Give me up.——* One time going to Slumber, ſhe prayed thus, *Our Father which art in Heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come, thy Will be done in me, as it is in Heaven: Oh ſweet Lord Jeſus, feed me daily with the Bread that comes down from Heaven. And, Lord, if it ſtand with thy Will, grant that I may Sleep to refreſh this poor needy Body: But thou, Lord, know'ſt what I ſtand in need of, better than I can ask; Lord, be with me, and my Father, and Mother, and Brother.*

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And she slept, and when awaked, she said, *O Blessed and Praised be thy holy Name! O Father of Life! For thou hast heard my Desires, and hast answered me; for I have slept sweetly.* Another time she said, *The Lord said to his Followers, Suffer little Children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven.* ——*And if I be not Happy, what will become of Ungodly Men and Women? For truly I am afraid of Offending any Body, for fear I should Offend the Lord.* One time she said, *Pray Mother, have a strict Eye over my Brother, for he is very full of Play.* A Friend after enquiring how she did, said, *I hope thy Eye is still to the Lord:* Her Reply was, *Although I can hardly speak, I think upon the Lord, and he knows my Thoughts, and answers them;* with more sensible Words. Another time she said, *It will not be long before I shall be at Rest and Peace, where there is no Pain to the Body, nor to the Mind; And where there is nothing but Joy for evermore. Dear Mother, be willing*

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to part with me, for I am willing to part with you all; I am not at all concerned for my ſelf; but for thee, poor Mother; who doth, and will make thy Bed, a Bed of Tears often for me.

Hearing her Mother queſtion her Recovery, ſhe ſaid, *Oh! what the Lord pleaſes; for I am not afraid of Death; I never wronged any Body of a Pin, to my Knowledge; nor loved to make Excuſes: I never told a Lye but once; when I ſhould have ſaid, Yes, I ſaid, No: But that has been a great Trouble to me; but the Lord, I hope, will forgive me, for I called the Maid, and told her the Truth.*

Near her end, ſhe deſired to come out of the Country to *London*, and ſaid, *The Air does me no good, nor the Doctor does me no Good. The Lord is the ſame at Home, as here.* And when ſhe was removed Home, ſhe ſaid, *Now I am glad, if I die, it is better to be here, and will ſave a great deal of Trouble.*

A Friend asked her, if she was willing to leave Father and Mother, and go to the Lord? After some pause, she answered, *If the Lord please, I am willing this very Minute to leave all,* for I shall be happy.

The Night before her Departure, after a Friend prayed by her, she said, *I do understand well, and am inwardly Refreshed: I am sorry that I cannot speak that the Friend could hear, or else I would give an Account of my inward Peace with the Lord.*

A few Hours before her Death, she prayed, but her Voice was very low, *O Lord, with-hold not thy tender Mercies from me at the Hour of Death. O Lord! let thy loving Kindness continually preserve me.* Afterwards said, *I desire to slumber; but if I Die, before I awake,* I desire the Lord may receive my Soul.

She was thankful for the tender regard her Mother had to her, and with a low Voice said, *Farewel, dear Mother,*

thee; it the Lover the Lord, Farewel. And desired to see her Father and Brother; and seeing for her Brother's Face, stroaked him, and said, *Farewel, be a good Boy.*

Her Father asking her, how it was with her? She reply'd, *I am just going, but I am very easie, and shall be very Happy. My Body is full of Pain, but the Angel of the Lord is with me, and his Presence will for ever preserve me*; and so kissed her Relations, and bid them all *Farewel.*

Her last Words were, her Desire to be *Remembred to the Friends who did visit her in her Sickness*, and in less than half a Quarter of an Hour, like a Lamb departed this life, on the 16th of the 5th Month, 1701. being 11 Years, 2 Months, and 9 Days Old.

Alexander

ALexander Jaffray, of Kingsford, in the North of Scotland, was Born in the City of Aberdeen, one who did early remember his Creator; and as he grew in Years, he increased in a Religious Concern towards God, and those whom he did Esteem, feared him; and joined, when Young, with the *Presbyterians*, tho' Educated in another Form of Religion; but some time after, when those People got into Rule and Government, they forgot their former low and persecuted Condition, and grew high, rigid, and fierce *Persecutors* of others; therefore he soon disliked them, and signified the same to some of the Chiefest among them, having been himself one of those Commissioners, who was deputed by the Nation of *Scotland*, to Treat on Articles with King *Charles* II. then in *Holland*, Anno 1650.

After he left the *Presbyterian Way*, for sometime he was among the *Independents*, and finding them also to be for setting up themselves, and persecuting

persecuting others; he could no longer follow them. After this he remained in private for some Years a Solitary Mourner, not joining with any Professions in Religion; not suffering several of his Children to be Sprinkled, or Baptized, (as they called it) because he could not own their Way of Constituting of National Churches; and this was long before he was called a *Quaker*: And in this Solitary Retirement, he sought the Lord, waiting for a People who were Spiritually touch'd with a Divine Coal from the Altar, to kindle true and spiritual Sacrifices to God.

And when first he heard that God had raised up such a People in *England*, who *directed all to God's pure Light, Spirit and Grace in their own Hearts, as the most sure Teacher, and Leader into all Truth, Worship, and Religion*; he said, *He felt his Heart to leap within him for Joy*: And after weighty Examination, concerning that People called *Quakers*, who did

did Preach the Truth among them, he found his Heart and Soul united to them: This was in the Year, 1662. a time when it was as bitter a Croſs, even as Death, to own them, eſpecially to one of his Repute; and ſhortly after were ſeveral more Men of Note, in that Nation, Convinced of the ſame Way of Truth; as *John Swinton*, in the South Parts, *David Barclay*, *Alexander Skein*, *Thomas Mercer*, and others.

This made the Prieſts, and others, Perſecute them; but they ſtood their Ground, through the Grace of God, and did boldly bear their Teſtimony; particularly this *Alexander Jaffray*, valiantly contending for the Truth, in ſolemn Conferences with the Biſhop of *Aberdeen*, and Chief Preachers of that City.

He was Faithful in his Teſtimony to the Truth to the laſt; and in his ſickly old Age, was Impriſon'd many Miles from his own Houſe, for Non-payment of Tythes; and this is Remarkable, That a little before this

Imprisonment, being near to Death, as was judged by all that saw him, he signified under his Hand, being altogether unable to speak, by a great Swelling in his Throat, *That his God had yet a Service for him to do for Him, in Suffering for his Precious Truth; and that he was not to Die at that time.*

He was taken Sick the latter end of the 4th Month, 1673. and during the twelve Days of his Sickness, he did give many living Testimonies to the blessed Truth, before many Witnesses, both Friends and other People, who did visit him; A few of them are as followeth;

He said, *That it was his great Joy and Comfort in that Hour, that ever he had been counted worthy to bear a Testimony to, and Suffer for that Precious Testimony of Christ Jesus his inward Appearance in the Hearts of the Children of Men; visiting all by his Light, Grace, and Spirit that convinceth of Sin; and that it was, and would be the great Judgment and Condemnation of many*

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in this Nation, particularly of the Professors, that they have so slighted and despised, yea, hated the said Light and Witnesses thereunto.

Sometimes being overcome in Spirit, he said, *Now Lord, let thy Servant depart in Peace, for mine Eyes Spiritually have seen, my Heart hath felt, and feeling, shall for ever feel thy Salvation.*

He also Propheſied of a great and near Trial, ſhortly to come, *wherein ſome that were not what they ſeemed to be, ſhould be diſcovered, and Fall; but the Upright, and lowly Ones, the lowly Shrubs ſhould be preſerved, when tall and ſturdy Oaks ſhould be overthrown*; which is ſince fulfilled upon ſome.

He farther ſaid, That the Lord had *given him the Garments of Praiſe, inſtead of the Spirit of Heavineſs.*

Sometimes, when very Sick, he would bleſs the Lord, *that now fighting with a Natural Death, he had not an angry God to deal with. Oh!* ſays he, *the Sting of Death is fully gone,*

and Death is mine; being Reconciled to me as a ſweet Paſſage, thro' him that loved me. Another time, ſeeing the Candle almoſt out, he ſaid, *My natural Life is near an end, like that Candle, for want of Nouriſhment, or Matter to entertain it, but in this we ſhall differ, that if it be let alone, that goes out with a Stink; and I ſhall go out with a good Savour, Praiſes to my God for ever.*

A little before his Breath ceaſed, he ſaid, *He had been with his God, and had ſeen deep Things*; about which time he was filled with the Power of God in a wonderful Manner, which much affected thoſe preſent; and in a little time after he died like a Lamb, being the 6th Day of the 5th Month, 1673. Aged 59 Years, and was Buried in a Piece of Ground, ſet a-part, near his own Houſe as *Kingſwell*, the 8th of the ſame Month.

Mary Padley, Wife of *John Padley*, Timber-Merchant, of *Olaves, Southwark*, a Woman adorn'd with Truth and Innocency, Chaſte, Upright, and Sincere Hearted; Induſtrious, yet void of Covetouſneſs; ſo that Vertue did ſhine forth in her Converſation: She was alſo Charitable to the Poor, Plain in Apparel, adorning the Truth in her Converſation, Punctual in performing her Promiſe, and in the diſcharge of any Truſt repoſed in her. And as ſhe ſpent her Days in the Fear of God, ſo the Lord was Gracious to her at her Death. She was taken with Pains of Travail, in Child-bearing, the 6th of the 7th Month, 1695. at which Time ſhe ſaid, in much Tenderneſs and Fervency of Spirit, *My God, and my Father, Deliver me.* And after ſhe was delivered, ſhe praiſed God for his Mercies towards her; And after, being asked by her Husband, how ſhe did? (finding ſome unuſal Symptoms attend her) ſhe anſwered, *Weak, but well*

well satisfied. And as a Confirmation thereof, broke forth into *sweet Praises to the Lord.* And died, leaving behind her 4 Young Children, Aged about 28 Years.

CHarles *Marshall*, was born in *Bristol*, in the Year, 1637. and was Religiously Educated by his Parents in the *Independent* Way. In his tender Years he had inward Desires after the Knowledge of God. And after he had continued some Years amongst them, and also the *Baptists*, he grew more and more dis-satisfied with the Empty and Lifeless Profession of those amongst whom he walked. He spent much time in Retirement alone in the Fields, under a Sense of his State and Condition, crying unto the Lord, and seeking after his Saving Knowledge; in which State he continued, until it pleased God to send to that City, his

his Faithful Servant *John Audland*, from out of the North of *England*, by whose Powerful Ministry he was turned to the Light of Christ Jesus in his own Heart; which had before discovered his State and Condition unto him: And after he came to turn in his Mind to the Light of the Lord, and was thereby and therein Resigned, he came to witness God's pure Power, Love and Life, to break in upon him; and after manifold Exercises and Troubles, was raised up a Powerful Minister of Christ Jesus, and an Instrument in God's Hand to turn many to Righteousness.

He was moved in the Year, 1670. to go through the Nation of *England*, and visit God's Heritage; which he did within the Compass of one Year. and altho' it was then a time of great Persecution; yet in all his Passage, through Cities, Towns, and all the Counties of the Land, no Man was suffered to lay Hands on him, or stop his Way.

He continued a Faithful Miniſter, and Laboured much in the Goſpel to the time of his Sickneſs, which laſted ſeveral Months; in all which time, great Patience and Meekneſs appeared in him; although under great Weakneſs and Affliction of Body. He had ſome Sight and Knowledge of his End; for a little time before he was taken ill, he earneſtly preſſed a particular Friend of his to Ride out of Town with him, having ſomething of Moment to impart unto him; and when they were a few *Miles* from *London*, he ſaid amongſt other Things, That he *was ſatisfied his Departure drew near, and therefore had a Deſire to Diſcourſe with him about ſome particular Things before he dyed.* And when he was taken ill, he ſent for the ſame Friend, and told him, *Now he was ſatisfied he ſhould go abroad no more*; although in his Firſt Illneſs there was no ſuch appearance to others, which the ſaid Friend told him; but whatſoever he ſaid, to take him off of ſuch Thoughts had

had no impreſſion upon him; he continued fixed in his *Mind, That he ſhould die of that Illneſs.* Several of his Friends preſſed him to go into the Country, but he deſired only to go to *John Padley*'s, a Friend that dwelt near the River-ſide, which he much liked; at his firſt going thither, he was a little better, but ſoon altered again. He lay ill there about three Months, under great Weakneſs; ſeveral Friends often came to ſee him, and he would be frequently giving them *ſeaſonable Counſel and Advice*, in many Heavenly Expreſſions; and would often Exhort them, *To keep in Love and Unity, and to the Living Divine Power and Life of Truth, that thereby they might be kept a People freſh and green, and living to God; that ſo Formality might not prevail over them:* And he preſſed, *That a great Regard might be had of the Poor, and that ſome way might be found out for their Employment*; often ſaying to this Effect, *That in an unexpreſſible Manner he felt their Sufferings, by reaſon of their Poverty.*

verily. Indeed he was a Man that did greatly Sympathize with thoſe that were afflicted both in Body and Mind, being of a very tender Spirit.

A little before his Departure, he ſending for *John Padley* and his Wife into his Chamber, ſaid to him, *Dear John, do what thou canſt for the Honour of Truth, and the Lord Bleſs Thee and Thine for Generations to come.* And to his Wife he ſaid, *That he deſired the Lord might be with her, when ſhe came to ſuch a time as that* (he was then in, *i. e.* a Death-Bed) *and make her Paſſage eaſie*; and his Deſire was granted, for ſhe died in leſs than a Year after, and ſaid on her Dying-Bed, *That the Lord had anſwered dear Charles Marſhal's Requeſt*; for ſhe lay very eaſie, and freely given up. As he lay in this Weak Condition, he was often opening his *Mind* to divers of his Friends, particularly when ſeveral *Miniſtring Friends* came to ſee him, he ſpoke to this Effect: *I have loved the Brotherhood, I have ſought the Unity and Peace of*

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the Church, for this Forty Years; and to my great Comfort, never did any Thing tending to the Breach thereof. I have two Things that lies upon me to Friends, which I desire may be Communicated unto them.

The First is, That they gather down into the Immortal Seed, and Word of Life in themselves, and be Exercised in it before the Lord, and duly Prize, and set a right Value upon the many outward and inward Mercies and Blessings, and heavenly Visitations, that the Lord hath eminently bestowed upon them, since the Morning of the Day of his blessed Visitation; them shall they grow, and be preserved in a Living Freshness to him: And the Lord will continue his Mercies to them, and they shall not move his Divine Refreshing Presence in their Meetings, but wonder before him.

The Second Thing is, That such of Friends, that the Lord hath given Temporal Estates unto, ought to cast their Eternal upon the Witness, and be good therewith in their Life-time; for those that are Enjoyers of such Things, should [illegible] they,

they are good Stewards thereof; Oh the many Poor Families, that such Persons might be a Help to! How easily might they, with a little, assist many a Family to live in the World! And what a Comfort would it be for such to see the Fruits of their Charity in their Life-time! And when our Friend *Geo. Whitehead* came to see him, with much Tenderness of Spirit, he signified his *great Peace and Satisfaction, and that he always, from the first, had an Honourable Esteem of the Unity of his Brethren.* And a little before his Departure, when our Friend *W. Penn*, and divers others, did visit him, he lay as a Man gathered up in his Spirit unto God; and though he was almost Spent, his Voice being very low, hardly to be heard; yet by what was understood, it might be perceived, *That he had in Possession the Earnest of that blessed Peace, which he was going to receive the Fulness of:* The Observation of his Peace, and Happy Condition, did much affect those present. And so he departed

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like a Child, in a quiet Frame of Spirit, the 15th of the 9th Month, 1698. Aged 61 Years, and was buried from *Grace-Church-Street* Meeting-Houſe, in Friends Burial-Ground near *Bunhill-Fields*, *London*.

Sarah Padley, Second Wife of *John Padley*, aforeſaid, of *Olaves*, *Southwark*, was a Woman of a meek and quiet Spirit, and had great Sympathy with thoſe in Affliction, and did bear a Publick Teſtimony for God, in the Aſſemblies of his People; and ſhe had an Honourable Eſteem of the Faithful Elders in the Church.

She was taken Ill the 26th Day of the 5th Month, 1699. and was ſenſible her end was near, and on that account was concerned for her Husband; and the Love of God, with which ſhe was filled, cauſed her ſweetly to Praiſe his Name, ſo that the ſenſe of the Pains, and Weakneſs

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of her Body, seem'd to be taken away: Another time, in the sense of the Love of God to her Soul, she cryed out, *Oh! Death, where is thy Sting?* Often Praying and Praising God; and during the whole time of her Sickness, was freely given up to Die.

A few Days before her Departure, she said to her Husband, *Thou art the dearest of any thing in the World to me; yet I can freely leave thee.* Another time she said to him, *The Lord hath answered dear* Charles Marshall's *Prayer for me,* (remembring that C. *Marshall* had desired upon his dying Bed, *That she might have an easie Passage, when she came to such a time as he was in*; who died at her House) *For* (said she) *I am very easie*; and often said, that *she was Resigned to the Will of God.*

A little before her Death, much tho' her Husband's great Affection to her, and his earnest desire of her Life, she seem'd a little to desire Life, but presently check'd her self for

for it; and returned to her former Reſignation of Spirit: And ſo lay Supplicating and Praiſing God, ſo that a Neighbour preſent (not called a Quaker) ſaid, That ſhe never law any lie ſo ſweetly in all her Life. And ſeeing ſome about her Weep, ſhe ſaid, *Do not Cry for me, for I am going to my Reſt.* A Friend ſaid, Art thou willing to leave thy Husband? ſhe anſwered, *I have often told him, I am willing to go when the Lord pleaſeth:* And in a little time after, ſaid, *In a few Days, in a few Days, they will ſay,* Sarah Padley *is Dead:* And it did much affect thoſe about her, to ſee how reconciled ſhe was to Death, ſpeaking very pleaſingly concerning it; and of the Felicity that would accrue to her thereby: So finiſhed her Courſe, on the 8th Day of the 6th Month, 1699. Aged about 34 Years.

William Garton, of *Ifield*, in *Suſſex*, was an early Fruit to God, and a Faithful Believer in his Bleſſed Truth, and a Servant in the Church of Chriſt, in the County of *Suſſex*; Zealous againſt all Unrighteouſneſs, and for the Unity of the Spirit in the Bond of Peace among Brethren; an Elder indeed, watching for Good over the Flock; a Sympathizer with the Afflicted, and a Mourner in the Houſe of Mourning, more in deed, than in words; and though but a Plain Man, yet God endowed him with a large Underſtanding, and ſound Judgment, which has been approved in difficult Caſes: He was Firm and Conſtant in Spirit, in times of Suffering and Perſecution, preferring the Service of Truth, and the Teſtimony of it, before all Worldly things. He was an Example of Vertue in the Church, and alſo in his Family; and his removal hence, a great Loſs to both: A true and loving Husband, and tender Father; had a great Care that his Children

dren might be trained up in the Fear of God, and Knowledge of his bleſſed Truth; which Labour God was pleaſed to anſwer to his Satisfaction: He would often ſay, *The greateſt Portion he deſired of the Lord for his Children, was the bleſſed Truth, and that they might Love, Fear, and Serve the Lord, and then he did not doubt, that they would want any good Thing*; and to that end would often be giving them good Counſel and Admonition.

Two Days before his Deceaſe, being viſited by a Friend, he ſaid, *That he had always endeavoured the Proſperity of Truth, to the beſt of his Underſtanding; and that he had nothing of Trouble upon him; but did bleſs God, that he had an opportunity to give this Teſtimony to thoſe preſent*; Exhorting an Ancient Friend, *to keep low in God's Fear, and make ſtrait ſteps, that he might lay down his Gray Hairs in Peace.*

Another time, ſeveral Friends coming from a Meeting to viſit him,

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he desired, *That his Love might be remembred to all Friends.*

Another time he said, *I have always sought the Peace of the Church, according to my Ability.*

Being asked by a Young Man that watched with him, how he did? he reply'd, *I am the better, to see Young Men come up in the Truth.*

A Friendly Person coming to see him on his Sick Bed, he put out his Hand to him, saying, *Ah! thou lackest something: These be serious times.*

Two Ministring Friends visiting him the Day before he died, he seem'd very much revived, and said, *I never did any thing against the Truth knowingly, since I was Convinced.*

One taking his leave of him, hoping for his Recovery, he reply'd, *If it be the Lord's Will, let me go in Peace:* He also said, *That he felt the Lord to come in upon his Spirit:* And near his End, he Prayed for his Wife, and Children, and Grand-Children, that *God would make up the Loss of him unto them:* And further said,

ſaid, *Oh Lord, I pray thee, remember the Ancients, that they may ſtill hold on their Way*; *and, Oh! my God, if it ſtand with thy Will, viſit more and more thoſe which are not of thy Fold, and bring them in by thine Arm, that they may come to know Reſt for their Souls, that at the laſt we may be bound up together in the Bundle of Life*; and ſo concluded with Hyms and Praiſes unto God. Another time, after ſome Friends had Prayed by him, which was to his great Satisfaction, the Room being clear of Company, he ſaid to a Daughter ſtanding by, *O Dear Child, I have known much of the Goodneſs of the Lord, but not in ſuch a large manner (before) as now: The very Fountain is open, and the Love of God is over all*; *Praiſes, Praiſes to the Lord*. He uttered many Heavenly Expreſſions, and gave good Exhortation to thoſe about him, which are not here inſerted; and a little time before he Died, he called for his Relations, and embraced his Wife in his Arms, and took his laſt leave

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of her, and of his Son and Daughters; holding out his Hand, taking leave of all Friends that came to see him, till his Strength failed, and so sweetly Died in the Lord, in an honourable good old Age, the 8th Day of the 7th Month, 1701. being the 66th Year of his Age.

Charles Ormston, Merchant, in *Kelso* in *Scotland*, was Convinced of the blessed Truth, about the Year 1665. He was a good Example, and Pattern of Godliness, which he shew'd forth in the Upright Life and Conversation he had amongst Men, and did bear a faithful Testimony among the Friends of that Meeting, to which he belonged, and at whose House the Meeting was kept unto his dying Day.

He was in the Year 1668. cast into *Edinburgh*-Prison, upon the account of his owning those People, called

called in Scorn, *Quakers*: He remained Priſoner about 22 Months; and his Wife, who was not at that time called a *Quaker*, having ſeveral times made application to the Privy-Council, for his Releaſe, did at length obtain an Order for the ſame, on the 20th of the 12th Month, 1669. And after Friends ſettling their Meeting at his Houſe, the Earl of *Roxburgh*, whoſe Lodging was hard by, being angry that it ſhould be ſo near his Gates, cauſed the Town-Militia to be raiſed, and by force did hale Friends out of their Meeting, and laid ſeveral of them up in Priſon, amongſt whom, *C. O.* was one: His Adverſary at length perceiving, that neither keeping them out of their Meeting-Room, nor yet Locking up his Doors, would hinder them to meet under the Pillars of the Houſe, he gave over his Perſecution.

This our Friend fell Sick about the latter end of the Year 1684. and continued to grow weaker about

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two Months time; and having before put his Outward Affairs in Order, and feeling himself very weak, and nigh his end, upon the 21st of the 12th Month, 1684. in the Evening he called for his two Sons (his Daughters not Professing Truth) the Elder whereof came to him, whom he took by the Hand, and *exhorted to a faithful walking in the Truth*, as he had formerly, and instructed them in many things. And about three quarters of an Hour after, he fell asleep in the Lord, having left a good Savour of his Upright Life and Conversation behind him.

John Ormston, Eldest Son to the said *Charles Ormston*, was an Example of Sobriety and Godliness, having from a Child shun'd Evil, and when he was mocked for refusing to bear Company with others, in their vain Recreations, he did bear it Patiently,

tiently, not Reviling again: He was given to Retirement; and a careful Inſtructor of his Younger Brother: He was much troubled with Bleeding, which brought him into a Conſumption; and he told them, *he did believe he ſhould Die:* And, being near his end, deſired his Father to Pray by him; which he did; and about three or Four Days before he Died, he enquired of his Siſters the Day of the Month; and being told, he anſwered, *The 22d ſhall be my Day*; which prov'd true, for upon the 22d of the 10th Month, 1682. he departed this Life, and is entered into that bleſſed Reſt, prepared for the Faithful. Aged 20 Years and 4 Months.

THomas *Robinſon*, of *Bridgend*, near *Kelſo*, in *Scotland*, was Convinced of the Truth about the Year 1669. in which he walked Circumſpectly,

ſpectly, in a good Converſation, to his latter end, being a good Example in the place where he lived; and did often Exhort his Friends and Brethren in the Meeting to which he belonged, to Faithfulneſs: He was ſeveral times Impriſoned about the Years 1672, and 1673. For Meeting with the People called *Quakers*, to Worſhip God; and after having lived to a good Old Age, it pleaſed the Lord to viſit him with Sickneſs, which continued about 12 Days, in which time he was kept in Patience, and often ſignified, *that he felt the Love of the Lord to his Soul*; and exhorted his Neighbours and Relations, who came to ſee him, to *Fear the Lord, and turn to him while they had time*; with many more ſeaſonable Expreſſions that he did ſpeak, even when he was in great Pain, which affected the Standers by, to whom he ſaid, *Let Patience have its perfect Work*: He alſo ſignified, that being walking one Evening by himſelf (as his manner was) he prayed fervently

fervently to the Lord, that he might have a ſeal of his Aſſurance before his Departure; and Immediately he was filled with great Joy, and the Word of the Lord came to him, ſaying, *Is not my Grace ſufficient for thee? That is done already: Thy Peace is made.*

And a little before he departed, ſome of his Children, with ſome others being preſent; he being about to take his laſt Leave of them, ſaid, *Humble your Hearts before the Lord, and make uſe of your Time, and ſlip no Opportunity of making your Peace with God.* And at laſt, Recommending his Spirit into the Hands of the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, he ſweetly laid down his Head in Peace, upon the 28th of the 9th Month, 1698. being about the Seventy Third Year of his Age.

THomas Robinſon, Son of the above-mentioned *Tho. Robinſon*, was Convinced of the Truth about three Years before his Parents, when about 13 Years of Age, and but few Friends in thoſe Parts; and he was ſo effectually Converted, that altho' many Endeavours were uſed, both by Promiſes and Threatnings, they were not able to overturn his Faith.

He was a Youth of a Sober and Religious Converſation, inſomuch that he was a Wonder to many; and by his Faithfulneſs to the Truth, (tho' a Child) he was very Inſtrumental to the Convincement of his Parents, who afterwards lived and dyed in the ſame Faith: And many Diſputes he had with Prieſts and others, and was ſo furniſhed with Arguments, that they were often aſtoniſhed at him.

About the 20th Year of his Age, God was pleaſed to call him to the Work of the Miniſtry; at which time

time he was concern'd to go to publick Places of Worship, and bear Testimony to the People, against their evil Deeds. His Ministry was Living; and he had a clear discerning of the Spirit of Antichrist, that did secretly Work for the Hurt of God's Heritage, which he advised Friends to watch against.

He travelled through the Northern Counties of *England*; also all the Meetings of Friends in his own Nation, and had several Sights of Things to come, some of which he saw came to pass; and also had a Vision of his own Death, two Years before he died: And at last he was visited with Sickness, which continued about Seventeen Weeks; and in all that time he was not heard to Repine, or speak frowardly, though his Sickness was attended with much Exercise; but many times he did *Sing Praises to the Lord*, to the affecting of others that heard him; and declared, *That he valued not the Pain and Trouble of his Body, if it was the*

Lord's Will ſo to try him; but that the Lord's Everlaſting Truth might be raiſed over all; and all Lets and Hindrances be taken out of the Way, and he to feel Preſervation in the Truth, to the end of his Days. With many more good Expreſſions: And the Night before he died, he entreated his Parents not to repine at the Lord's doing, ſaying, *It was his Will to remove him from the Evil to come.* After a little Silence, his Father asked him, If he had any thing more upon his Mind to ſay? He anſwered, *Little more, but that all might be kept Faithful, who profeſs the Truth, the precious Truth.* And farther ſaid, *Let me reſt, I have done, I have done*; and fell aſleep, and ſlept till about break of Day; and departed this Life, on the 2d Day of the 8th Month, 1678. about the 23d Year of his Life.

Stephen

Stephen Smith, was Born the 19th Day of the 7th Month, 1623. He received the Truth in the Love of it, *Anno* 1665. and gave up to obey and walk therein; and truly loved God's Faithful Meſſengers and People, how deſpiſed and ſuffering ſoever they were: and he did ſuffer with them, both in Perſon and Eſtate, by Impriſonment, and ſpoil of Goods, for his tender Conſcience and Teſtimony on behalf of Chriſt Jeſus.

He was a Man fearing God, and of good Report in the Country, being an Exemplary Preacher of Righteouſneſs in his Converſation, and one truly Kind, and ready to do Good in his Day; ſo God alſo endued him with a Living Miniſtry, and Experimental Teſtimony to tell of his Goodneſs, and ſpeak of his Praiſe to others, from an Inward Senſe thereof in himſelf, and to the Comfort and Incouragement of many that heard him: He Travelled in divers Parts of the Nation, in the

Work and Service of God, in the Gospel of his Son.

In the time of his Sickness, when in greateſt Extremity of Weakneſs, he did often declare of the *Loving Kindneſs of the Lord God*, by which he was upheld *above the Fear of Death*.

Unto ſeveral who came to viſit him on his Sick-Bed, he ſaid, *It was a Bleſſed and Heavenly Thing to have the Mind Clear and Holy, free from all Troubles and Cumbers of this World*, (as he ſaid his Mind was) *having all given up to the Will of the Lord, that it might be truly done on Earth, as it is in Heaven*; adding, *O what a bleſſed and Heavenly Habitation is this, for the Soul of Man to reſt in, which I have a full Aſſurance of!* And another Time, one who came to ſee him, he exhorted to *Dread and Fear the Lord God, and to Repent of all, whatſoever that Holy and Pure Witneſs in his Conſcience makes manifeſt to be Evil; ſo if happily he might find Mercy with the Lord*; *which will be better to thee* (ſaid he) *than all the World beſides*;

ſides; and a little after came into the Chamber another Perſon; and the Power of the Lord being with him, he was refreſhed in his Spirit, and he deſired the Perſon (who was a Woman) to *Fear the Lord, that thereby ſhe might be preſerved out of all Evil*; and added, *Love the Truth above all, for the Truth is a very precious Thing; and be ſure keep low and humble to it, and be not high-minded nor exalted above the Pure Witneſs of God in thy Conſcience, for that would be hurtful.*

Another time, in Remembrance of the tender Dealings of the Lord to him; he ſaid to his Sons, who were preſent, *viz. My Days are very near drawing to an End; and tho' my Father and Mother caſt me off when I was a little Lad, the Lord hath always preſerved me, and his Bleſſings did always attend me, having been often in many Great Dangers, both by Sea and Land: So having my Mind Sober and Chaſte to God; and having the Fear of the Lord placed in my Heart, by which*

I was preſerved out of Evil: I did the Thing that was right in the ſight of the Lord, ſo that I found Favour of the Lord, and gained the Love and Favour of People, in dealing juſtly and truly with all People, not wronging any Man; and this he gave in Charge to his Sons, that they might always be kept *Sober and Chaſt in their Minds, having always regard to the Fear of the Lord, placed in their Hearts, that thereby they might be preſerved out of Evil, and doing always that that is juſt and right*; *and to be ſure to be Courteous and Kind to all, loving the Good in all, and bearing their Teſtimony againſt the Evil in all, whereſoever it did appear*: And farther ſaid, *And whenſoever you go about that which is weighty, take Counſel of good and Sound Friends, ſo that all things may be done to the Glory and Honour of the Lord, and his bleſſed Truth, in which your Bleſſings are all Yea, and Amen.* And moreover adviſed his Sons, ſaying, *Don't run into the Cumbers of the World, but wait upon the Lord, and he will find out a*

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way for you, in his time; for the Lord is calling, and taking me out, and from all Troubles and Cumbers, and from the Evil that is coming upon this wicked World, in a good time, wherein **I am assured of that sound and perfect Peace, wherein my Soul will rest with the Lord for ever;** *so that I have no more to do now, but desire the Lord to make my Passage easie to my Heavenly Rest.* And a little before his Departure, being filled with the Spirit, he praised and magnified God, and prayed, saying, *Lord, and dearest God, Oh! assist in this Heavenly Passage, from Death to Life; and* soon after said, *Now I am going into my sweet Sleep*; and immediately and innocently laid down his Head in perfect Peace with the Lord, the 22d Day of the 7th Month, 1678. at his own House near *Guilford* in *Sussex*, Aged 55 Years and 3 Days.

William Allen, of *Earls-Colnes*, in the County of *Essex*, did receive the Blessed Truth in the Year, 1654. and the Power of the Lord made a speedy Change in him; for soon after he had a Dispensation of the Gospel of Christ Jesus given unto him from God, and he was stirred up with Zeal in his Soul against the false Ways, Worships, Superstitions and Profaneness of those Times; which Zeal for God produced Living Testimonies from him (in divers Towns and Places where he Travelled) against those Things which were Evil, which sometimes occasioned him to come under hard Sufferings, Bonds and Imprisonments, in which he behaved himself as a Faithful and Courageous Soldier of Christ Jesus, and a good Example to his Fellow-Sufferers; Preaching the Gospel of Peace, both in Life and Doctrine, and stopp'd the Mouths of Gain-sayers; which had a sweet and comfortable Effect upon many, who were reach'd in their *Consciences* by

by his Teſtimony and Miniſtry, and by his Innocent Converſation; ſo that they embraced the Truth he Preached, and ſuffered for, and became Heirs of the Salvation of God, to their Everlaſting Comfort, and the furtherance of the Goſpel.

He was of ſevere Carriage to ſuch as made Profeſſion of Truth, and walked not with a ſtrait Foot in the Goſpel; but very tender over all ſuch as were young, and under Exerciſe about their inward Condition, and did ſometimes ſpeak effectually to their Conditions, to the eaſing of their afflicted Spirits.

He was an Example in the Country where he lived, encouraging Friends to obſerve the good Order of the Truth, to keep the Goſpel void of Offence, not exalting himſelf above his Brethren; but carried a good Reſpect to them, and to their Counſel and Judgment.

He ſerved the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and his Church and People, without Wearineſs to the End of his Days; and

and would Lament thoſe who ſet down at eaſe, and would often ſay, *That Terrible Day would overtake them who were at eaſe in Zion.* And in the time of his Health, when he was able to go abroad and viſit Friends, he would ſay, *God hath made me a Huntſman, and I muſt viſit many of them who are in their Holes and Caves; I muſt be clear of their Blood:* And would relate of the ſore Travels and Pangs that he had for ſome, which often made his Soul very Sorrowful.

His Labours in the Goſpel were chiefly in *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*, *Cambridge* and *Eſſex*; and for his Teſtimony to the Truth, was Impriſoned in *Colcheſter*-Caſtle, where he was Inſtrumental to gain divers to the Truth; he was alſo Impriſon'd at *Cambridge*-Caſtle, and at *Ely* and *Lyn* in *Norfolk*; and many were turned to God by his Miniſtry.

He was a diligent Labourer in the Lord's Vineyard about 24 Years, and the laſt Year and half of his time, was much

much afflicted with bodily Weakneſs and Sickneſs; but he would often ſay, That *he was Content with the Will of his Father:* In the time of his Sickneſs, he ſhewed the Meekneſs and Patience of Chriſt, which dwelt in him; but the Lord, in due time, ſeeing his Exerciſe to be enough, put a period to his Days: He was filled with the Peace of God to the laſt, ſo that he ſaid, *He could ſhout for Joy, but that he wanted Strength of Body*; and which he ſaid, was *but an earneſt of what he ſhould more fully enjoy, when his* **earthly Tabernacle was diſſolved.** He ſpoke largely of the Injoyment of the Glory of God in his Soul, and of the Aſſurance he had of Eternal Life: Some of his Expreſſions, in his Sickneſs, were as followeth.

The Earth is filled with the Glory of the Lord: Praiſes, Praiſes, unto my God, who Reigns over all, over all: He hath Redeemed my Soul from the Grave, and my Life from the horrible Pit: He hath placked my Feet out of the Mire

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and Day: Glory, Glory be given unto thy great Name: Oh! my good God, as for my Part, I have fought the good Fight, and have kept the Faith; and a large ſhare of the Glory of my God is ſealed in my Soul; it is but an earneſt that I have here, of that Crown of Life and Glory, which my Father hath in Store for me.

And concerning his Sickneſs, he ſaid, *It hath pleaſed the Lord to Exerciſe me, as he did* Job, *for the Trial of my Faith and Patience: I have trodden his Steps this twelve Months: A full Reward thou haſt given me, of Life and Glory. Oh! my good God, how good art thou to me? I have received abundance of Good at thy Hand, and ſhall not I receive a little Evil? Bleſſed be thy Name, for thy Goodneſs: My Cup overflows, I cannot utter it;* and ſo continued, often ſpeaking of the Glory of the Lord, and the Immortality that reſted upon him; and charged Friends to be Faithful, that the Dread of God might always reſt upon their Hearts, that they might anſwer

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fwer his Love, in yielding Obedience to his Requirings; and then, if they did meet with Exercise, for the Tryal of their Faith, yet the Lord would be with them if they abode Faithful to the End; and the same Crown of Life they should enjoy, which he had an Assurance of.

Therefore (said he) *watch, and keep your Garments, and Oyl in your Vessels, that you may be ready to enter with the Bridegroom; but as for those that shall continue in Hypocrisie and Disobedience, and shun the Cross of Christ, and neglect to Work while it is Day, the Night will come upon such unawares, and the foolish Virgins State they will be found in; and though they may desire Oyl of the Wise, the Wise will have none to spare; but the Door will be shut upon such, and Misery will be their Portion.* He gave good Counsel to his two Daughters, saying, *There was a Blessing for them, for their Father's sake, if they would bow to Truth, and abide Faithful therein.*

He longed to haſt away; but was alſo willing to wait God's Pleaſure.

More was ſpoken by him, as Friends came to viſit him, and as his Strength would permit, which was not taken in Writing. After his Speech grew low, he could not well be heard, and ſeem'd for ſome Hours as if he was departing; at laſt, he ſaid to a Friend, *I was almoſt gone, but I cannot go yet; there is ſome ſecret Counſel of God in it.* After ſome little time, more Friends coming in, he was beyond Outward likelihood enabled to declare much to them, exhorting to Faithfulneſs, and ſaid, *I am glad to ſee my Friends about me: I go to my God, and your God; my Father, and your Father; my Boſom is full of Love to all my Fathers Children*; and then ſaid, *Now Lord Jeſus, how acceptable is it to leave all the World, and be gathered up to thee:* And ſo, committing his Spirit to the Lord, ſoon fell aſleep. His End was Honourable, and he is Crown'd with Immortality and

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Eternal Life; and left the World in a good Age, having attained to about 63 Years: Died the 21ſt of the 11th Month, 1679.—at *Earles-Cowen, Eſſex.*

William Simpſon, Born in *Lancaſhire*, where he alſo received the Truth: He was a faithful Miniſter and Prophet of the Lord, much concerned in going through Markets and Towns, and to great Men and Magiſtrates, and Prieſts Houſes; and Publick Places of Worſhip, declaring againſt their Falſe Worſhip, and Evil Ways and Works; and was often Impriſoned for the Truth, and underwent cruel and hard Sufferings by the Goalers. He was moved of the Lord to go at ſeveral times, for three Years, Naked and Barefoot, through Markets, Courts, Cities and Towns, and to Prieſts Houſes, as a Sign to the People, Telling

Telling them, *So should they be stripped Naked, as he was Naked.* And sometimes he was moved to put on *Hair-Sack-Cloath*, and to *Besmear his Face Black*, and to tell them, *So would the Lord Besmear all their Religion, as he was Besmeared.* Great Sufferings did this Poor Man undergo; many sad Blows, and sore Whippings, with Staves, and Wands, and Thorn Bushes, Coach-Whips, and Horse-Whips, on his bare Body: This was before King *Charles* came in; that That Generation might have taken Warning, and they would not, but Rewarded his Love with Cruel Usage: Only the Mayor of *Cambridge* did Nobly to him; for he put his Gown about him (being Naked) and took him into his House.

In the Year 1670. he went to *Barbadoes*, in Company with that faithful Servant of God, *John Burnyeat*, to Preach the Gospel of Christ Jesus in that Island; and after they had some Service for God there, he was taken Sick of a Feaver; in which time

time he felt great Peace and Conſolation of the Spirit: after he had been ſick ſeveral Days, he ſignified to Friends about him, that he ſhould Die: In the Obſervation of his Submiſſion and Innocent Behaviour on his Sick-Bed, ſome ſhed Tears; he taking notice of it, did tenderly deſire, *That they ſhould not be grieved.* Drawing weaker, and his Voice low, he ſaid to thoſe about him, *Friends, be Noble, and don't hinder me in my Paſſage; for I am an Innocent Man.* And being asked, Whither he would go? He ſaid, *I muſt paſs away:* And by what more was ſaid at that time, Friends were aſſured, that his heart was wholly fixed upon the Lord. A few hours before he died, a Perſon came to viſit him, who had not been (tho' invited) at any Meeting *William* had been at in that Iſland, and taking him by the Hand, asked him, How he did? He anſwered, *I am a very Sick Man*; and looking towards the Man, *W. S.* was endowed with the Power and Spirit of the Lord;

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by which he marvelouſly Preached the Glorious Goſpel of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, about a quarter of an Hour, Praiſing and Magnifying the Lord; which was ſo contrary to the Expectations of thoſe about him (conſidering the Circumſtances of his weak Condition) that it cauſed Amazement, Trembling and Tears. He Preached the Doctrine of Perfection, and Freedom from Sin on this ſide theGrave; Exorting Friends to be *Valiant for Truth upon Earth; and that they ſhould not be again intangled with the Yoke of Bondage; but to ſtand faſt in the Liberty, wherewith Chriſt hath made them free; that every Bond and Yoke might be broken, that that which is pure of the Lord God might go freein all; that God might be Glorified and Honoured, and they Preſerved in the Day of Trial, which muſt come upon all Fleſh; and ſo to grow from Grace to Grace, and from Strength to Strength, and from one Degree of Holineſs unto another; and that a daily Growth might be witneſſed in all:*—Farther ſaying, *Oh Friends!*

Friends! It is the Life that the Lord looks at; for he that hath the Son, hath Life; and he that hath not the Son, hath not Life; Examine your selves; no Son, no Life; without the Son, without Life: And thus he declared wonderfully, and often Praising and Glorifying God, after this Manner; *Oh! all that is within me, Praise and Magnifie the Lord God, who is worthy for ever and ever, of all Glory; and Everlasting Praises to the God of my Life, who is only worthy, and lives over all, and is above all, God blessed for Ever.* Amen.

And about three hours after he had given this Testimony, he departed this Life in much quietness, being the 8th Day of the 12th Month, 1670. and was honourably Buried in a Garden, belonging to *Richard Forstal*, at *Bridge-Town* in *Barbadoes*.

Joseph

Joseph Cadle of *Reading*, in the County of *Berks*, a young Man, about [illegible] Years of Age, who was Convinced of the Truth in the Breaking forth of God's Blessed Day in our Age; when the Ministers of Christ Jesus our Lord came to *Reading*, he was one of the first that received their Testimony, and was one of the first in the County of *Berks*, that suffered Imprisonment on the Truth's Account. In the Year 1655. he was Committed to the Compter in *Reading*, by *Henry Erwin* Justice, and afterwards to the Goal, for declaring in the Publick Place of Worship, That *Cain*'s Sacrifice was not accepted, but was an Abomination to the Lord.

He did Preach the Everlasting Gospel, and the Day of God's Visitation to the World, and his Ministry was Effectual, not only for the Convincement, but also for the Establishment and Confirmation of many; being Experienced in the Works and Dealings of the Lord God, and also of the Wiles and Baits of the Enemy

Enemy of the Souls of Mankind; a faithful Witneſs-bearer to the Truth, not in Words only, but in Life and Converſation alſo; walking in Innocency, and Lowlineſs of Mind, in which he was a good Example and Pattern, as became the Goſpel of Chriſt Jeſus. Being delivered out of Priſon, he was moved (in the Year 1656.) to travel abroad in the Weſt of *England*, to viſit his Friends and Brethren, who were Priſoners for the Truth in *Lanceſton*-Goal in *Cornwal*; where, at that time, our dear Friend *George Fox* was alſo a Priſoner, with other Friends; and in Compaſſion to their Sufferings, he was conſcientiouſly Concerned to lay before Juſtice *Anthony Nicols*, the Cruelty of the Goaler towards his Friends, carrying alſo with him a Letter from *G. F.* to the ſaid Juſtice; who, inſtead of Relieving the Oppreſſed, Committed the ſaid *Joſeph Coale* to the reſt of his Friends at *Lanceſton*, as a Vagrant; who lay many Months (after he was Fin'd at the Aſſize)

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for the moſt part in a wretched Place, called *Doomſdale*, a place where they uſed to put Witches and Murtherers, after they were Condemned to Die; ſo Noyſom, that it was obſerved, few that went in, ever came out in Health; and the Excrements of the Priſoners, that from time to time had been put there, had not been carried out (as the People ſaid) for many Years; ſo that it was like Mire, and in ſome places to the top of the Shoes in Water and Piſs, *&c.* and the Goaler would not let Friends clean it, neither would he let them have Beds, or Straw to Lye on. —— Being Releaſed, he went on farther Weſtward to viſit Friends, and was Committed by Juſtice *Ceely*, again to *Lanceſton*-Goal, as a Wanderer, where he lay three Months.

And in 1657. he being, with other Friends, met to Worſhip God, near *Penrin* in *Cornwal*, Captain *Fox*, Governour of *Pendenis*-Caſtle, with a Troop

a Troop of Horſe, came and abuſed Friends in a wicked manner; and *Joſeph* was much beaten, and ſome of his Blood ſhed, to the hazard of his Life.

He was alſo afterwards, for declaring Truth in the Publick Places of Worſhip at *Exon*, fell upon by the Rude People, and haled by the Hair of the Head; and had to the Town-Hall, and from thence to Goal, (a very filthy place) and they put a great pair of double Irons upon one of his Legs, and they ordered the Goaler, not to let him have any Bed, nor Straw to lie upon; but the next Week he was ſet at Liberty.

The ſame Month and Year, he was Committed to *Dorcheſter* Goal, for Exhorting People to Repentance in the Market-Place at *Lyme*, and declaring Truth in the Steeple-Houſe at *Brideport*.

And in 1661. he was again Impriſoned in *Exon*, for not Swearing, being taken from a peaceable Meet-

ing, and tendered the Oath. And many other times, he hazarded his life for the Teſtimony of the bleſſed Truth, in Stocks, and Stonings, and divers other Hardſhips and Difficulties.

He was once in *Ireland* with *Edward Burroughs*, in the Service of the Goſpel.

And laſt of all, he was Committed to the Goal of *Reading*, on the 13th of the 5th Month, 1664. by *William Armourer*, a Juſtice for the Peace, becauſe, for Conſcience ſake towards the Lord, he could not break his Command, who had ſaid, *Swear not at all.* And after ſix Years being ſhut up in Priſon, and much deprived of common Air to breathe in, he was much Impaired in his Health. And in the time of his Sickneſs, he gave forth many Heavenly Exhortations to Friends that came to viſit him; and this was his Faith, which he declared on his Dying-Bed, ſaying, *That the Light of that Glorious Everlaſting Day of the Lord, which is broken forth*

in this our Day, shall **never be Extinguished**, *notwithstanding all that Men can do: And though* (said he) *it may be in the Hearts of Men, to Destroy, and Root out, if it were possible, the Righteous from off the Earth; yet the Lord doth not intend so; neither is it in his Heart to suffer it so to be; but to Exalt his own Name and Kingdom over all; and the Wrath of Man shall turn to the Glory of God, and the rest he will restrain.*

Death was made easie to him; and near his Departure, he bid one of his Fellow-Prisoners *Farewel*; and Resigned up to him that Office of Love and Care, which he did Exercise amongst his Brethren and Sisters, in Bonds for the Truth's sake; and being filled with Heavenly Love and Life, and fully Satisfied, laid down his Head in Peace, and full Assurance of Everlasting Rest and Joy in the Lord. Aged about 34 Years.

William Smith, Born at *Beſthorp* in *Nottinghamſhire*, formerly a Paſtor of an Independent Congregation, and lived after the ſtricteſt manner of that People: He was Convinced of God's Everlaſting Truth about the Year, 1658. He was a Faithful Labourer in the Goſpel, and many were turned unto God by his Miniſtry; for he Approved himſelf a Miniſter of Chriſt Jeſus, in Tumults, in Labours, in Travels, in Watchings, in Neceſſities, and Diſtreſſes, which came upon him, through the often Spoiling of his Goods, and long and tedious Impriſonments of his Body. And for refuſing to Pay Tithes to an Impropriator, he was kept cloſe Priſoner one time 21 Weeks among Felons, in a Dungeon in *Nottingham*-Goal: And another time, had the Value of 42 *l.* taken from him at the ſame time he was in Priſon, for 7 *l.* demanded by *Dove Williamſon*, Prieſt of *Elton*.

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Indeed many were his Sufferings for his Teſtimony to the Truth, which for Brevity ſake are omitted; all which he patiently endured, as ſeeing him who is Inviſible, that he might hold faſt Faith and a good Conſcience.

And in the times of his Impriſonment, he did Write ſeveral uſeful Books, which remain in the Printed Collection of his Writings. And when he was at Liberty, he did Travel abroad, to the Nouriſhing and Strengthning them that did Believe.

And though he was often viſited by Sickneſs, he was kept in much Patience and Contentment; and much of the Power and Preſence of God did appear in him, many times, when he was in great Weakneſs of Body, to the Admiration of the Beholders.

In his laſt Sickneſs, he was a great Comfort to them that did viſit him, being a Living Man in the Life of Truth. After he had been Ill ſeven Weeks, his Pains began to ceaſe,

yet continued in Weakneſs; but other Diſtempers came upon him, which he did bear with great Patience: Waiting, having his Mind retired, he ſpake little, till one Evening, many Friends being in the Room ſitting in Silence, and he in his Bed, he turned towards them, and plentifully declared of the great Love of God; and Friends were much Refreſhed and Tendered. He alſo teſtified of a large Portion which he had in Life Eternal. And then he ſpake to Friends, *To be mindful of Truth, and of their Service therein, more than of their daily Food*; and ſo *Committed them to the Grace of God.*

The Day before he was taken away, he called for all his Children, (which were ſix or Seven) and tenderly Exhorted them, *To keep in the Fear of God, and to love the Truth; and God would be a Father and Portion to them*; and the next Day departed this Life, being the 9th of the 11th Month, 1672.

John

JOHN *Steel* of *Cumberland*, was brought to the knowledge of the Truth in the Year, 1654. and was obedient thereunto, and the Lord gave him a Publick Teſtimony to bear, not long after he was Convinced, which continued with him to the end of his Days.

He was a Man of an Excellent Spirit, and clear in diſcerning the States and Conditions of many, unto whom he was made very Serviceable, by good Counſel, wholſome Advice and Inſtruction. His manner in Publick Teſtimony was, to deliver himſelf in few Words, and not often, yet very Weighty and Profound: Severe againſt Deceit and wrong Spirits; but very willing always to encourage all well-doers; a good Example in Converſation, in his Family, and abroad amongſt Men, as well as in the Church.

When he was firſt taken Sick, he ſaid to his Wife, *I muſt leave thee*: She Reply'd, My Dear, why art thou of that Belief? He anſwered,

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It is my Belief, and that I ſhall be well, and get to the place of Pleaſantneſs, that I have been Travelling for, above this Twenty Years. Exhorting his Wife, to take heed to the pure Light, wherewith ſhe was enlightned; for ſaid he, *It is the Way, and there is not another.* He did bear a Living Teſtimony on his Dying-Bed, in the Name and Power of the Lord, to ſeveral who came to viſit him, both Friends and other People, Exhorting, Warning, and Reproving, as he was moved of the Lord.——The Day before he Died, ſeveral Friends being come to ſee him, he bid them Sit down, and mind well what he ſaid; and he did utter many very weighty ſayings which were not written down but this was remembred, that he ſaid, *None could Die the Death of the Righteous, but they that lived the Life of the Righteous: And tho' Death may ſeem hard to ſome, it doth not ſeem hard to me; for I feel my Paſſage ſweetned this Day.* And Exhorted Friends, to keep the Unity, and beware of a wrong Spirit. And

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then ſaid, *I have little more to Friends, but it may be I may have ſomething to ſay to others.*

And after a little time, he deſired ſeveral of his Neighbours, which were not called *Quakers* to be ſent for, moſt of them being come, the Power of the Lord came upon him, and he ſaid, *I am not aſhamed this day to ſay, The Spirit of the Lord is upon me*; and ſo declared to them ſeveral weighty things; and ſaid to his Neighbours, *Though ſome of you have been long in a Profeſſion of Religion, if the Queſtion were put to you, What is the Guide of your Minds? I believe you will be put to a ſtand for an Anſwer:* And ſome of their Hearts were ſo reached, that they Wept. And a few Hours before he Died, he uttered many Heavenly Expreſſions, in Prayer to the Lord, to the great Refreſhment of the Standers by. Thus the Lord, who alone is worthy of Praiſe, did accompany him by his Power to the laſt. *He was Convinced of Truth*, Anno 1654. —*Died in* Cumberland, Anno 1680.

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THomas *Loyd*, formerly dwelt at a place called *Macemore*, in *Montgomeryſhire*, in *Wales*, and in his young Days was brought up at the Univerſity of *Cambridge*, and afterwards removed with his Family into *Penſilvania*, where he was Preſident and Deputy-Governor of that Province ſeveral Years; and in the laſt part of his time, had his ſhare with other Friends, in the Exerciſes, occaſioned through the Contention of *George Keith*, with Friends in that Country.

And being taken Sick, and near his End, he ſaid to Friends about him, *Friends, I love you all, I am going from you; and I Die in Unity and Love with all Faithful Friends: I have fought a good Fight, I have kept the Faith, which ſtands not in the Wiſdom of Words, but in the Power of God: I have fought; not for Contention and Striſe, but for the Grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the Simplicity of the Goſpel: I lay down my Head in Peace, and deſire you may all do ſo: Friends, Farewel all.*

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He farther ſaid, to *Griffith Owen*, a Friend then intending for *England*, *I deſire thee to mind my Love to Friends in* Old England, *if thou liveſt to go over to ſee them: I have lived in Unity with them; and do end my Days in Unity with them, and deſire the Lord to keep them Faithful unto the End, in the Simplicity of the Goſpel:* And after a few Days Sickneſs, he departed this Life, on the 14th of the 7th Month, 1694. Aged About 45 Years, leaving Six Children behind him; and was Buried in Friends Burial-Ground, in *Philadelphia*, in *Penſilvania*.

ELizabeth *Moſs*, Daughter of *Thomas Monk*, of *South-Liverton-Hall*, in *Nottingham-ſhire*, (whoſe Mother afterwards Married *Samuel Watſon* of *Knight-Stainforth*, in the County of *York*) and late Wife of *Thomas Moſs*, Merchant in *London*, was Educated under a Tender Zea-

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lous, and Religious Mother, who brought her up in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord; and she was a Dutiful and Obedient Child:— And when she grew up, and came to receive the Truth, did give up to it, and continued Faithful therein to the End.—She was Exemplary in her Family, and took great Pains to Instruct her Servants, and bring them to a Sense of their dangerous Condition without a Saviour.——— She was a great Lover of Retirement, and given to Prayer, Contemplation, and Reading of the Holy Scriptures, that her time was much spent alone in her Chamber; so that frequently, when her Husband return'd Home from his Affairs abroad, he did find her Weeping, upon which he has sometimes said to her, If some Persons saw her at those times, they might think she was under Discontent: Her answer was, *No, my Dear, there is nothing at all of that; but the Lord's Power and Presence hath broken my Heart, and ren-*

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dered my Spirit, in a living Senſe of his Goodneſs, and tender Dealings towards me: I can ſay, he is truly Good to my Soul, and I have taſted of the Incomes of his Heavenly Love and Life; and I heartily wiſh, that all who make Profeſſion of the Bleſſed Truth, were Injoyers with me, for my Soul has been overcome with his Love; and altho' I have loſt all my Children, and many of my near Relations, yet is the Lord pleaſed to ſweeten all my Afflictions, and make hard Things eaſie to me.

She was indiſpoſed ſometime before ſhe kept her Chamber; and her Sickneſs increaſing upon her, ſhe was adviſed, to remove out of the City, for the Recovery of her Health; which ſhe did, and was ſometime at *Shacklewell*: But notwithſtanding, ſhe grew worſe; and being ſenſible that her end drew near, ſhe ſent for *Samuel Waldenfield*, *George Whitehead*, and ſome other Friends, that ſhe might ſee them before ſhe died; and the Day before ſhe dyed, *Samuel Waldenfield* and *John Feild*, coming

ing to visit her, she was much revived, and spoke to this purpose as followeth, directing her Speech to *S. W. I had a desire to see thee, and to invite thee to my* Burial (she having sent for him the Day before) *But I hope*, said she to *J. F. thou wilt not take it amiss, that I spake first to* Samuel, *for I did not know of thy coming, thy Visit being altogether free; I kindly accept of it as freely, and desire thee also to be at my Burial: And though I did not know that I should have seen the Light of another Day, yet the Lord having spared me, I am glad to see your Faces, that I may tell you how Good and Gracious the Lord hath been to my Soul; for I can truly say, I have sought him with many Tears in my secret Chamber, and poured out my Soul unto him, and said, O Lord, do thou come down and Tabernacle in me, and take up thy abode with me. For I testifie this Day,* Jacob's *Seed hath wrestled with God for a Blessing, and hath prevailed; and now he is become my Portion, and the Lot of my Inheri-*

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vance for ever: He hath poured of the Oyl of Joy into my sorrowful Soul, and hath fed me with the finest of the Wheat, and with Honey out of the Rock hath he sustained me, and the **Sting of Death is taken away**; *I say, my dear Friends, I have not the Work to do now, I bless my God for it, but am ready to be dissolved; and I do freely Resign up my Life to my God, I remember my Dear and Tender Mother, who was a Woman that truly Feared him; and her Prayers and Petitions were often put up to the Lord, on the behalf of her Off-spring; and we have reaped much Benefit thereby: And I have blessed the Lord many a time, that ever I was Born of her; I speak not these Things boastingly: No, for what am I but a poor lump of Clay? But only to Extol the Powerful Name and Goodness of my God, who hath been so Bountiful and Gracious to me, for there is Forgiveness and Mercy with him, that he may be feared. Therefore be encouraged to keep Faithful to the Lord, all that are within the hearing of my Voice,*

both Husband, Friends, and Servants; I exhort you all; Do Justly, love Mercy, and walk humbly with your God, that so it may be said unto us all, Come, ye blessed of my Father; *which is what my Soul hath desired; and that I might never hear that Dreadful Sound,* Go, ye Cursed; *and the Lord hath answered my Desire this Day, and hath loosed my Tongue, that was ready to cleave to the Roof of my Mouth, and hath strengthen'd me to Praise his Great and Honourable Name: Oh! Praise the Lord with me, my Friends, and Pray for me, (as I shall do for you whilst I have Breath) that I may be preserved and kept in Patience to the End; for it is they that hold out to the End that shall be saved. And though I have a Dear and Tender Husband, and want for nothing that is Convenient for me; yet I can freely part with all: And I hope the Lord will preserve him near to himself to the End of his Days.* Cornelius *Mason* coming in, she said, Neighbour Mason, *remember my Dear Love to thy Wife (and dear Children)*

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she hath been kind in visiting me, and we have lived in much Love and Friendship together; and I truly desire the Lord may keep you Faithful to himself to the End of your Days; and now I am Comforted, and can say, Lord, here I am before thee, do with me as it seemeth Good in thy Sight. This is the Substance of but part of what she said, for she continued a considerable time, speaking of the Mercies and Dealings of God to her Soul, and praising him for the same, to the Comfort of those present: After which *Samuel Waldenfield* spoke a few Words, and returned Praise and Thanksgiving to the Lord, for his endless Love, and tender Mercies to his Servants and People; during which she was filled with Heavenly Joy; and spake some Words afterwards, desiring her *dear Love might be remembred to all Faithful Friends, with whom*, she said, *she was in perfect Unity*; and so parted with them in much Sweetness, Love and Satisfaction: Soon

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after came our Friend *George Whitehead*, whom she had desired to see, and she was Refreshed and Comforted to see him; and she said, *Dear* George, *I am glad to see thee, having always had much Love and Respect for thee, thou having been at my Father's House, and knew my Mother well: And now, though I am weak of Body, yet the Lord hath Comforted me with his living Presence; and* **Death is no Terror to me**: *But I am freely resigned and given up into the Hand of my God*; with much more to the same Effect; but she being much spent with the other Friends, that now she could not raise her Voice as she did before; but with Love and Sweetness, and a smiling Countenance, spake of the *Goodness of the Lord to her Soul; and did recommend her Counsel to those that were present, that they might not leave that Work to do; but labour to make their Calling and Election sure, before they were cast upon a Bed of* **Languishing**, as she was upon; *but through the Love*

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of her Heavenly Father, ſhe was waiting for her Change, and deſired that ſhe might hold out to the End in true Patience. And ſhe deſired *George Whitehead* alſo to be at her **Burial.** And after he had ſpoken a few Words, in Prayer and Supplication on her Behalf, ſhe parted with him in much Love and Unity: — And afterwards ſhe ſaid, **O that I had Wings like a Dove! for then would I fly away, and be at Reſt:** With many other Living and Heavenly Expreſſions.

Theſe Things are Written, not only for the Comfort, but Encouragement of thoſe that are yet behind, to Love the Lord above all, and follow him fully; that he may not forſake them in the Day of Diſtreſs; as this Friend often ſaid, *The Eternal God was her Refuge, and underneath was the Everlaſting Arm of his Power, to uphold and lift up her Head above the Floods of Temptations and Tryals, that ſhe met with-*

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all; by which she was enabled to sound forth Praises, and humble Thanksgiving to his Holy and Blessed Name.

And so she departed this Life the next Day, being the 3d of the 2d Month, 1702. Aged about 39 Years, and was buried at Friends Burial-Ground in *Bunhil-Fields, London.*

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